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DISSOLUTION.

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MEETINGS.

Masonic.

Regular Communication of Oriental Lodge, No. 83, A. F. and A. M., this (Friday) evening, at 7½ o'clock, for business and work. By order of the Master.
E. N. TUCKER, Secy.

Masonic.

There will be a regular communication of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 144, on Friday, Sept. 5, at 7½ o'clock, p. m.
O. FRENCH, Sec.

LAW AND ORDER.

Important Meeting of the Committee of Seventy Last Evening.

Senator Woodard Explains the Nature of the Organization and the Work Before It.

He Denounces Irish, German, American, and Religious Know-Nothingism.

A Letter of Sympathy from a Sorrowful Absentee.

The Platform of Principles and the Favorites for Office.

Meetings to Be Called in the Various Wards and County Townships.

Interviews with Messrs. J. P. Root, J. H. McVicker, and J. H. McAvoy.

A meeting of the Committee of Seventy was held in the hall of the Builders' Exchange last evening for the purpose of devising a plan for conducting the fall campaign in the interest of law and order. Quite a large number of members were in attendance, among them being Senator Woodard, Ald. Sherwood, C. C. Bonney, J. O. Brayman, D. J. Lyon, J. B. Barker, T. M. Avery, P. H. McLogan, A. B. Van Dorn, the Rev. F. T. Dickinson, R. C. Hamill, Philip Myers, Frank Kelly, and many others of equal prominence in the movement.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Woodard, and the proceedings were inaugurated with prayer by the Rev. F. T. Dickinson.

REMARKS OF MR. WOODARD.

Senator Woodard stated the object of the meeting for the benefit of several who had not attended previous meetings of the Committee. He spoke as follows:

We are sometimes asked, "What do you intend to accomplish by a Law-and-Order movement?" First, we intend to unite the public good of all sects, nationalities, and parties, without regard to previous condition or political servitude. We want to do this because we believe that every man who has sworn allegiance to the Government is an American citizen or a performer of American duties. Protestant, Catholic, French, Irish, German, or American Know-Nothingism as anti-American. There can be no such thing as Irish unity of thought, or German, or American, unless there is Irish, German, or American despotism. Freedom of thought brings difference of opinion, which is to be tolerated, not suppressed. Politics will be purer when there are fewer men acting as political brokers who are supposed to carry the votes of a whole nationality in their pockets. A people's movement will purify the political atmosphere in this respect.

It is desirable to fill the public offices of the city and county, from the Mayor and County Commissioners down to Constable, with honest, independent, outspoken, industrious men. If that would not be a *radical change*, it means *considerable*. We would like to write in our platform, "No moral cowards, no political dodgers, need apply." Our public offices are not a necessary many institutions.

There will always be dishonesty in governments while honor and preferment are given to Cowardice and Dishonesty. We would as a party apply the same principles to the management of our municipal affairs as are adopted by our business men. It is desirable that our city and county contracts be let to the lowest responsible bidder after due publication, and without collusion with contractors, and the submission of full and accurate specifications. After this, we want no extra or back pay for contractors. Here is where the stealing comes in. The Board and Comptroller should refuse to submit to contractors' rings.

Our movement will include an effort to secure Police Commissioners who will enforce the law and not wink at any time the discussion of its merits. A salary of $1,000 a year will secure such men. We want a police organization that will be a "notice to quit" to those vagabonds, thieves, robbers, and house-breakers with no visible means of support who stand around the corners of the streets, depots, and public places with our policemen. The police know them; why are they not removed? It can and will be done if the Law-and-Order party prevails and elects men who are firm and in earnest.

We believe that only such salaries should be paid Government officers as are paid in business for similar work.

Public improvements should keep pace with the enterprise of our citizens, and, if taxes collected for this purpose were expended with honest and intelligent men, they become an investment, and not a burden.

But how about the saloon question? We would reward every man according to his deeds done in the body. There is nothing about the business of saloon-keeping that should build up a political aristocracy. Liquor-selling under license is a legitimate business, and while a man obeys the law and fulfills the provisions of his license he does well, and is not to be molested. The same principle applies here as elsewhere—honest men to enforce the law, honest men for saloon-keepers. Licensed liquor-sellers should be Law-and-Order men. They should be compelled to keep order. We want an Executive who will refuse to grant licenses to any saloon where vagrants, criminals, or disorderly persons congregate, as I hear God and such licenses are granted last July. Can any man tell us why? All there was for the Executive to do was to refuse. Was it for revenue? Will it not cost more than $15,600 to look after them? Was it for political purposes? I pause. The Turnverein and Democratic societies know that this ought to be done. No man of common sense can deny it, and yet these licenses have been issued. The truth is, there is much common ground in the discussion of this question that has not been occupied because our efforts have been kept in view the main chance for preferment. We can change the main chance by a Law and Order movement. We might co-operate with the Personal Liberty League in raising the license to $500, as they propose. There would be less chance for the police to watch, and still the public would not suffer from thirst.

But first of all, we must put men to the front who *dare to do right*. It is folly to oppose doubtful, cowardly men to open, outspoken men like Hesing. If Mr. Hesing believes he is right, I honor him for his outspoken, manly defense. He is a saint to the cowardly men in the Council who desire to shirk and put off action on the ordinance to open saloons in the rear. It was a cowardly act on a disgraceful measure. If our citizens are to drink, let them go into front doors, and remove all screens if necessary, and not educate any class of our citizens to be cowards.

The interests at stake are vast, involving the expenditure of millions of dollars, and, to some extent, the safety of the morals and lives of our people.

REGULAR BUSINESS.

At this point the Secretary appeared, and Mr. Woodard gave way for that official to read the minutes of the last meeting. The same were read and approved.

At the suggestion of the President, the list of committees was called and the several Chairmen asked for reports. No reports were submitted, the several gentlemen who answered giving other business as an excuse for non-action.

The Secretary read letters from C. N. Holden and H. B. Hurd, which were received and placed on file.

MR. HURD'S COMMUNICATION.

The following is a copy of the letter from Mr. Hurd:

Mr. Phillip Myers, Secretary Committee of Seventy:

DEAR SIR: Your note inviting me to attend the meeting of the Committee of Seventy on the 4th inst., is received, and I regret that I shall not be able to be present at that time, as a previous engagement takes me from home on that day.

It is my earnest hope that the Committee will not hesitate to accept the issue which the opponents of law and order are pressing upon us with so much vigor. We should be quick to rally to the support of the institutions of this country, no matter from what quarter they are assailed.

The plan of those whose "liberality" is to break down wholesome laws under which we have prospered so long, and give license to evil-doers, seems to be developing somewhat in this shape: They will, if possible, induce the Republican and Democratic parties to make nominations, hoping by their threats to ally to themselves (at that one which will please them best, to force upon both parties the nomination of men more to their liking. They will, no doubt, turn or less favorable to them. They will, no doubt, turn against the party which nominates law and order men, and I can see no possible good to come from putting these parties in this false and, to them, perilous position. There are no party issues at stake in the coming election, and the good men of both parties (and I believe they number more than the bad) are in favor of law and order. And as that is to be the issue, I hope no complications will be created by party nominations, and that it may be left free to array the makers under the banner of "*law and order*," against those who flaunt that of "*license and disorder*." Yours, etc.,
Chicago, Sept. 3, 1873. H. B. HURD.

MR. HOLDEN'S NOTE AND RESIGNATION.

The communication from Mr. Holden excused his non-attendance on the ground of other pressing business, and thereby he resigned his position on the Committee. The resignation was accepted.

LABOR TO BE WRITTEN UP.

The Secretary read a printed circular, a copy of the one sent to all parts of the country, looking to the organization of the Law and Order party in the country, and he asked that names of friends of the cause be submitted with whom he should communicate.

A gentleman suggested the name of H. M. Singer, of Lemont. The name was accepted.

A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

The Hon. C. C. Bonney, submitted the following document, which is an explanatory declaration and platform of principles, and the suggests names for elective and appointive offices:

First—The complete separation of municipal government from party politics, and a local government by the best and ablest men, without regard to their party associations.

Second—The party machinery of town meetings, primary assemblies, and delegate conventions is not applicable to the government of large cities. We therefore propose to discontinue its use in municipal affairs, and to substitute for that machinery free and independent nominations by voluntary associations of citizens, dependent solely on superior merit for success.

Third—Municipal government should be simple, direct, administrative, and executive—not legislative and diffusive. The idea of office-holding, its rewards and honors, should be set at naught, practically, established, and the idea of honest and capable business service for honest and adequate compensation should be substituted in its stead.

Fourth—We are in favor of a complete and permanent reign of the principles of law and order, temperance, and justice. We believe that the chief object of government should be to restrain the strong from excess, to protect the weak from oppression, to repress disorder and punish crime, to the end that all well-behaved citizens may be left at liberty to pursue their lawful avocations.

Fifth—We are in favor of such laws, ordinances, and officers as will secure at all times such an inspection and administration of Government as will effectually protect the public health, limit frauds and nuisances, prevent the sale of impure and unwholesome food, unclean streets and alleys, extortion in the sale of the necessaries of life, nuisances in the transportation of persons and property within the city limits, and other evils of the same character.

Sixth—We are in favor of a thorough reform of the organization and character of the police force of the city,—such a reform as will secure for the protection of the lives and the property of the citizens,—policemen of irreproachable character and perfect integrity, and for the direction of the force the highest order of ability and skill. We believe that the guardianship of person and property in the city should be so complete and perfect as to amount to an adequate protection against crime at all times, and that such a military force should be organized in connection with the Police Department as to enable the city authorities promptly and effectually to put down any attempt at riot or general disorder before any considerable harm could be done.

Seventh—We believe that the finances of the city should be managed upon principles similar to those which have proved successful in the management of the largest combinations of men and interests for business purposes; that the regular revenues of the city from the rent of wharves, docks, and like privileges, if practicable, ought to be made equal to the ordinary expenses of the Municipal Government, and that any deficiency, if any, to be made up by taxation; that the accounts of the financiers should always be secured for the conduct of the city business, and that the intrusting of vast business interests to inferior hands, because they will accept a compensation too small to secure the highest order of services, is a wrong, so also that it cannot be properly designated as only a poor economy.

Eighth—We are in favor of the abolition, at the earliest practical period, of the Township and County Government within the limits of the City of Chicago, relying for the maintenance of a double set of officers as being a wholly unnecessary burden, and tending only to confusion and disorder.

Ninth—We are in favor of Christianity, not as opposed to religious liberty, but as its only sure safeguard, and the sole effectual cure for the corruptions of evil government. We are Christians, but not bigots; temperance men, but not fanatics; reformers, but not visionaries; and the chief end of all our endeavors is the highest good to every class of the people.

HIS OFFICIAL FAVORITES.

The following communication was read:

To the Committee of Seventy:

The undersigned requests the consideration of the following names in making nominations for the coming city and county elections: L. L. Boal, S. S. Gookins, W. Woodard, T. J. Turner, J. O. Norton, D. A. Gage, W. F. Tucker, L. B. Otis, M. D. Buchanan, Munro Heath, C. F. W. Junge, A. L. Morrison, A. C. Miller, J. B. Bradwell, S. B. Davis, M. R. Walsh, C. G. Hammond, F. W. Gates, Samuel, A. E. Bishop, E. W. Blatchford, J. B. Bradwell, Henry Walker, Joseph Pollak. All of which is respectfully submitted

C. C. BONNEY.

Mr. Bonney said he did not desire an expression of opinion by vote on the platform or officers. He only wished thought on the same by the Committee, and communion they might adopt a wise platform and nominate the best ticket. In the multitude of counsel the best course would be decided on. It was yet too early to nominate, but not too early to begin to canvass the best candidates for the several positions.

CONCERNING NOMINATIONS.

Mr. Thomas Malden introduced the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the friends of law and order in Chicago and in the County of Cook be requested to meet in their respective Wards and Townships on the —— day of ——, for the purpose of electing delegates in each Ward and Township to a convention to be held on the —— day of —— for the nomination of city and county officers.

Resolved, That our nominations for city and county officers shall be made, at such time and place as this Committee may appoint, by the Law-and-Order organizations of the city wards and townships in joint convention assembled.

Mr. D. Worthington thought the resolutions premature. The wards and townships were not organized for action.

Another gentleman moved to lay the resolutions on the table. Carried.

Mr. D. Worthington made a few remarks, urging action for immediate organization. He moved that a call of the wards be made, and reports therefrom submitted. Carried.

The Secretary then proceeded to call the several wards for reports.

HOW THEY STAND.

Mr. D. J. Lyon, from the First Ward, said that the previous report that this ward was thoroughly organized was incorrect. There was work to be done there, but it would soon be commenced.

A gentleman said this calling for reports would expose the weakness of the movement. There was no proper organization in the wards, and this call was premature. He moved to reconsider the motion calling for reports. The motion was lost, and the call was continued.

Mr. D. Mears, from the Third Ward, said they had had a good meeting on Wednesday night, and had appointed a committee to proceed with the work of organization.

Mr. W. Sidwell said nothing had yet been done in the Fourth Ward.

Mr. W. H. Fair reported that two meetings had been held in the Fifth Ward, and they were well under way for a good organization.

The Hon. A. L. Morrison, of the Eighth Ward, reported that work was inaugurated, and an organization would be commenced at once.

Mr. W. B. Bateham reported from the Ninth Ward that the regular Committee had not organized, but that two auxiliary clubs were in good working order.

Mr. D. W. Clark reported nothing yet done in the Tenth Ward, but that they had agreed on a meeting to be held soon, and an organization would be speedily effected.

President Woodard reported that the Twelfth Ward would organize the first of next week.

Mr. G. N. Abbey said the Committee in the Thirteenth Ward were only waiting for a movement in other parts of the city. His ward was sure for Law and Order, and would do a handsome work in the redemption of the city.

Mr. McKenzie said the Fourteenth Ward would be all right. They were to meet next Thursday night for organization.

Mr. H. O. McDaid said nothing had yet been done in the Sixteenth Ward, where there was much to contend against; but that the Law-and-Order men would give a good account on election-day.

MORE ABOUT NOMINATIONS.

Mr. H. H. Walker offered the following:

Resolved, That the candidates for the various city and county offices to be filled by the election in November next be nominated at a meeting to be called for that purpose by the Committee of Election.

Mr. John Sullivan made a short but earnest address in opposition to the resolution. He thought it would be folly in the Committee to make nominations. They must go to the people, and ask them to nominate their own candidates. The nominations should be made by those who are expected to support the ticket, and if the people were not consulted they would not vote the ticket. The speaker said very confidently that the balance of power now was with the Irish. They were ready to do well and wisely, but would claim the rights of American citizens, to be consulted as to who should be their public officers. If this Committee assumed to dictate the nominees, the speaker felt he would be compelled to withdraw from the body.

Mr. D. W. Clark moved to lay Mr. Walker's resolution on the table temporarily. Carried.

The Hon. A. L. Morrison made a characteristic short address. He said the first and most essential thing to be done was to organize in the wards. He agreed with the Chairman that it would be well to imitate the energy and industry of the enemy, though he could not fail to be amused with Hesing's effort to catch the Irish vote. He moved that the Vice-Presidents be requested to organize their several wards in the coming week, and that in case of failure on the part of such officers, that the Executive Committee do the work of organization. The motion was carried.

Mr. A. D. Bellamy moved that the Executive Committee draw up a plan or system of organization which shall be sent to the several Vice-Presidents of the several wards.

Mr. Simeon Mears suggested that a plan of organization had already been adopted,—the selection of a committee of seven in each ward.

Mr. C. C. Bonney made a short and sanguine speech, expressing confidence in the result of the impending contest. He said the honest and industrious mechanic would be found on the right side. On every side and among all classes he had heard but one cry. The people did not particularly care how the nominations were made. The people said look out for good men and run into no fanaticism, and success was certain.

MORE ROOM FOR COUNCILS.

On motion of Mr. Hayman, the Chair appointed Messrs. C. G. Hayman, G. P. Henson and Daniel Worthington, a committee to secure a larger room for the meetings of the Committee of Seventy.

SOME FAVORITES FOR OFFICE.

Mr. Edwin Burnham submitted the following list of names of gentlemen, from which number, he thought, it would be well to select some of the Law and Order Candidates: R. P. Derrickson, Carlile Maron, A. S. Hall, A. J. Galloway, W. B. Bateham, Mahlon D. Ogden, and Michael McAuley.

MAULEY DECLINES.

Mr. Michael McAuley thanked the gentlemen for the honor conferred in mentioning his name, but said he had always and would always hold a private station in the ranks, and be found batting for good and honest government. He said the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth Wards were sure for the cause of reform.

A Voice—"And the Ninth?"

Mr. McAuley said he wished to God he were sure of this, but he was afraid it was not so. There was no security where saloon-keepers were the representatives as Aldermen. He agreed with Mr. Sullivan that the Committee of Seventy should not make nominations, but they should make sure of the organizations in every ward to pave the way for proper nominations; and, to do this, the Committee should meet in every ward in the city. The speaker ridiculed the idea of the Irish being led by Hesing—a political bummer. The Irish, he said, might be so led, but not Irish-Americans, as was every Irishman who had sworn allegiance to this great country.

ABOUT PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Mr. A. Paxton, from the Committee on Public Meetings, said they were ready to call meetings whenever the present Committee suggested, and they would be glad to receive the names of speakers who would attend and address such meetings.

Mr Malden said there had already been several good meetings, and announced that another would be held on Tuesday night, at the corner of Clinton and Randolph streets.

A gentleman suggested the propriety of holding a large mass-meeting.

Mr. E. F. Bunyan made an earnest and effective address, urging the diligent organization of the wards. He said he had some knowledge of politics, and he knew word organizations to be far more efficacious than any big displays.

SPEAKERS WANTED.

A resolution was adopted requesting all public speakers favoring law and order to send their names and addresses to the Secretary, who would give them good work to do.

Mr. Alex. McKenzie announced that a public meeting would be held at Tammany Hall, on the corner of Lincoln and Indiana streets, on next Thursday night.

After the transaction of other minor business, the Committee of Seventy adjourned to meet again on next Thursday evening.

INTERVIEWS.

The following interviews with prominent men on the local political question—a question which will soon occupy the attention of every resident of Chicago who has the good of the city at heart—will be read with considerable interest at this time. Mr. McVicker's opinions possess no small degree of importance, inasmuch as he has been prominently mentioned in connection with the Mayoralty, and is a likely candidate. County-Attorney Root can discern things at a great distance in a political fog, and the interview with him deserves attention. Ald. McAvoy's name was also mentioned in connection with the office of Mayor, and what he has to say will be of interest on that account.

JAMES P. ROOT.

There are few men in town who have a better general idea of politics, or who are more shrewd in calculating the probable result than the Hon. James P. Root, County Attorney. Mr. Root has been in politics ever since he was a baby, and his opinion in the present crisis is not unworthy of perusal. He believed that Mr. Hesing was so far in the coalition business that he would have to abide the result, and sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish, with his companions. There was no politics in the fight at all,—nothing Republican, nothing Democratic,—it was all municipal. Hesing could stay away from the Republican party this year, and next year could come back with the Germans into the party. The Republican party would not make any nominations. The so-called Liberal party could not win, and neither could a strictly temperance party. There should be a compromise. A citizen's ticket of first rate men would win. They should be men who were not extreme on either side, men of intelligence and respectability. The tendency was now to make an issue between law and order, and the opponents of law and order. Many Democrats who would not vote a straight Republican ticket, would vote for a law and order ticket in preference to the coalition ticket. A large number of voters who took their toddy, and liked it were at the same time opposed to unbridled license in the sale of intoxicating liquors. For the sake of their families and of the community they desired that some respect should be paid to Sunday. The Committee of Seventy could hardly nominate a ticket that would be successful, but it could aid a law and order ticket.

MR. MCVICKER.

Mr. James H. McVicker was approached on the question of the proposed citizens' movement. He was found standing in a favorite attitude in front of his theatre. When asked for his views on the coming campaign, however, he proceeded to give them without the slightest hesitation, and with as much clearness and conciseness as if the condition of things political had been the subject of his deepest meditations for weeks.

The first question the reporter put to him was: "Mr. McVicker, would you be kind enough to tell me if you are in favor of a citizens' movement this fall,—such another movement as the one of two years ago, which resulted in the nomination of the fire-proof ticket? Did you observe the editorial in this morning's TRIBUNE on the question?"

No, he had not observed the editorial alluded to, having had too much too do to read the papers. He could not say that he was entirely in favor of a citizens' movement, because it would necessitate the holding of conventions, mass-meetings, and other noisy gatherings of that character.

"What, then, is your favorite movement, politically speaking?" inquired the reporter.

Mr. McVicker replied that, being in his own estimation a pretty fair citizen, he believed he was a law and order man, though he scarcely knew what were the distinctive features of the Law and Order party. All citizens were in favor of law and order, it seemed to him. He hadn't met a man yet who favored the prevalence of lawlessness and disorder. The law and order men, he thought, were very numerous all over the city.

What sort of a ticket would Mr. McVicker fvor?

Any ticket that had good names on it. The prominent newspapers of the city could nominate a ticket and elect it that would be good enough for him. They could do it without the bother of mass-meetings and conventions, and he had no doubt that the nominees would be in every way acceptable to the citizens at large. The Directors of the Board of Trade, or any other body of men that had the good of the city at heart, could also nominate a ticket that would be generally satisfactory.

Had Mr. McVicker a favorite candidate for Mayor?

No, he hadn't. There were a great many good men for whom he would like to vote, however, but it was unnecessary to name them. He would like to see Mr. Hesing announce himself as a candidate for the position, and make a fight.

The reporter asked his reasons for this.

It was the proper course, he thought, for Mr. Hesing to pursue. The latter was of the opinion that his opinions were the opinions of a majority of the citizens. If such was the case, what reason had he to fear of his success? Why should he desire to have a man elected whom he could run, when he might be elected himself and boss the town? What was his object in seeking to be the power behine the throne when he might be the throne itself? Mr. McVicker couldn't understand Mr. Hesing in this matter.

The reporter confessed that he was also mystified when he looked at Mr. Hesing's conduct in that light, and he asked Mr. McVicker what he supposed the result would be if Mr. Hesing ran for Mayor.

The result would be that the people who believed in Mr. Hesing and those who didn't would have something tangible to fight over. Mr. Hesing and Mr. Hesing's principles would be at stake against some other man and his principles, and there would be a neat and manly fight all around. If, as Mr. Hesing had remarked, a majority of the people coincided with him, why, the other man would be put to flight and his principles knocked into a cocked hat. If a majority of the people did coincide with Mr. Hesing, why, Mr. Hesing would not be elected, and his principles would not be carried out,—that was all there was about it.

The reporter remarked that if Mr. Hesing ran, there would scarcely be any need of party nominations, as it seemed to be a question of Hesing or no Hesing in the coming election.

That was precisely the view taken by Mr. McVicker, and he thought it would be a right manly act if Mr. Hesing would permit the use of his name in connection with the Mayoralty. Indeed, he owed it to the city to try and get elected, for he made all his money here, and the people had treated him pretty well. Mr. McVicker's object in speaking of Mr. Hesing was to have a square fight, in which the best man would win, and a cessation of buncombe after it was over.

What did Mr. McVicker think the better class of citizens ought to do in the present emergency?

He thought to keep shady for a few weeks before making any nominations. They seemed to be keeping pretty quiet, for he hadn't heard any of his acquaintances say anything about city politics for some time. He didn't believe they bothered their heads much about the question, and he wouldn't have thought of it if the reporter hadn't called around.

The reporter thanked Mr. McVicker for his kindness, and, with an injunction not to print anything that wasn't said, walked away. Mr. McVicker will please observe that the above report of the conversation with him is substantially correct. If there should be any serious errors in it, the unhappy writer will hide his diminished head, and never again venture near his theatre.

ALD. M'AVOY.

Ald. McAvoy's name has been so often mentioned in connection with the nomination for Mayor at the coming election, that it would certainly seem reasonable to suppose that he had at least been consulted upon the subject, and that reasonable willingness to permit the use of his name had been shown on his part. In order to ascertain what the sentiments were, and what line of policy he would pursue if elected, he was yesterday placed under the receiver and the pump set in motion.

Reporter—What are your intentions, Mr. McAvoy, about the Mayoralty?

McAvoy—I haven't got any. I don't want to be Mayor, and won't run. I have as much as I can do to attend to my business.

Reporter—But, Alderman, you know that you are on all the slates in the great hybrid combination party of patent oil-and-water mixers, and that your friends, in presenting you with your dinner-nut, alluded in a most feeling manner to the probability of your speedy translation to higher political honors?

McAvoy—Yes, I know they did, but I am not responsible for their remarks. I've had enough of office, and I am going out for good this fall. I can't afford to neglect my business. Why, we have doubled the capacity of the brewery, and I have got to attend to it.

Reporter—Then we can scratch you off the slate for good?

McAvoy—Oh! yes. Break it if you like as far as I a concerned. I am not a candidate.

THE POLARIS SEARCH.

News from the Polar Steamship Juniata.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—A letter from on board the sloop-of-war Juniata announces the arrival of that vessel at Hambard Island, on the south coast of Greenland, July 16, whence the vessel proceeded to Sukkertoppen, where a pilot was obtained, and thence steamed to Holsteinberg, where ten dogs and the necessary sealskins were purchased to permit a search for the missing Polaris and a portion of her crew. On July 21, the Juniata was to have sailed for Disco.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Information has been received at the Navy Department via Copenhagen, Denmark, that the steamer Juniata arrived at Holsteinberg, Greenland, on July 18, having touched at Fiskernais and Sukkertoppen, where no dogs could be found. Commander Braine, through Gov. Larssen, at Holsteinberg, having procured dogs and an abundance of seal-skins for the officers and men of the Tigress, sailed on the 19th for Disco, and thence to Upper Navik. Commander Braine has news from Disco as late as the 10th of July, but heard no tidings of the Polaris. The ice was reported heavy in Ommerkfroid, and at and above Upper Navik. The health of the officers and crew of the Juniata was excellent.

The Michigan Constitutional Commission.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LANSING, Mich., Sept. 4.—In the Constitutional Commission to-day, the Committee on Executive Department recommended reducing the age of eligibility to the Governorship from 30 to 25 years. A resolution looking to annual sessions of the Legislature was lost. The following subjects are under inquiry, namely:

Expediency of providing for public instruction in architecture, mechanical drawing, and other industrial pursuits, and the expediency of adopting in cities, townships, and villages, the principle of local option in the liquor trade, allowing those which favor license to control the traffic within their limits, and enforcing prohibition elsewhere.

The Senatorship in the State Legislature from the Upper Peninsula is to be considered.

A separate article is recommended, restricting the Legislature in legislating on thirty different topics, including divorces, changes of names of persons and places, regulation of the internal affairs of towns and counties, the regulation of practice in Justices' Courts, and the jurisdiction of Justices, Police Magistrates, Constables, the management and support of common schools, the regulation of rates of interest, the protection of game or fish, the granting or amending of railway charters, etc.

E. W. Giddings, a Bonsso banker, has arrived, and taken his place on the Commission, in place of Townsend North, of Tuscola County, declined.

LANSING, Sept. 4.—In the Constitutional Commission to-day, an article was reported leaving State salaries to be fixed by the Legislatures. The following subjects are to examined, namely: The propriety of prohibiting municipalities from taking stock or lending credit to private corporations, and the propriety of trying civil causes by any number of jurors, not less than six, and allowing two-thirds verdicts.

A resolution now lies on the table for directly embodying the female suffrage principle in the revision of the Constitution.

The day has been occupied in discussing the article on education, the substance of which was given in a telegram of Sept. 2. The Commission finally adopted the proposed article, with sundry amendments. For the purpose of testing the question whether the classics may be taught in the schools, a resolution was offered providing that all instruction in the public schools should be in the English language, but was voted down, because the question is now in Court, and will probably be settled in favor of teaching the classics. A question arising as to the control by the Board of Regents of Legislative Appropriations for the University, it was argued by the Chairman of the Committee, on Education, that the conditions attached by the Legislature subsequent to making the appropriations could not bind the Regents. This referred to the action of the Legislature last winter in making an appropriation conditional in admitting Homeopathy to the University, which the Regents at the June meeting refused to permit. The propositions to declare the State Normal and Public Schools, Agricultural College and University, to be bodies corporate, was voted down, as likely to array the various interests in opposition.

ANOTHER DEFALCATION.

John T. Harper, Collector of the Eighth Illinois District Alleged to Be $100,000 Short in His Accounts.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 4.—The astounding news burst upon the people of Springfield this afternoon that Col. John T. Harper, Collector for the Eighth District in this State, had defaulted to the amount of $100,000. But little cred

THE COURTS.

W. H. Vanderbilt Visits Chicago and is Welcomed with Two Suits Respectively of $250,000 and $100,000.

Being Safely Served with Process, the Facts of the Case Are Made Known.

Troubles of the Atlas Publishing Firm of Warren, Cockroft & Co.

A Number of Heavy Suits Commenced --Large Sums of Money Involved, but Very Little of Interest to Them.

Two heavy suits were commenced in the Circuit Court of Cook County, yesterday, one by John T. and George D. Alexander and William Fitch, in $250,000 damages, both against William H. Vanderbilt, the New York Central Railroad Company, the Hudson River Railroad Company, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company, and the Toledo, Wabash & Western Railroad Company. The actions are in assumpsit, and Storrs & Jamieson are attorneys for the plaintiffs.

The case is stated as follows: Suit is brought under a contract entered into between the plaintiffs and Vanderbilt respecting the shipment of stock through from Chicago and other cities in the West and Northwest to the East, by the defendant's roads, Alexander being at the time the largest shipper of stock in the country, or at least one of the largest, and hailing—as so many great men do—from the State of Illinois. Alexander is emphatically called "the great cattle-dealer of Illinois." It is said that the contract was obtained by the inducements of the defendants, or some of them, through Vanderbilt and the New York Central, Alexander having for some years before patronized exclusively the Pennsylvania road, and the New York Central having made frequent attempts to induce him to transfer his patronage to them and their Western connections, all of which eventuated in success, and in the defendant and the companies, through the defendant Vanderbilt, agreeing to carry all the cattle shipped by Alexander at a fixed rate of $100 per car load, or, should the transfer of his business result in a break of rates, at at least as low a rate as those charged by the competing Companies for the same service. As foreseen, although the facts did not leak out till long after, the transfer did result in a break, the Pennsylvania Road reducing its rates to $50 per car, the Erie carrying live freight otherwise cattle, during the whole of the year after the agreement was entered into, for its largest shipper, for nothing, and the New York Central itself carrying for some of the shippers at $40 to $50 per car, at the same time insisting on Alexander paying the full agreed price of $100 per car. These facts, particularly as to the rates charged by the New York Central, have already been developed in testimony taken another case in the United States Circuit Court for the Northern District of Illinois, thus establishing the break provided for in the contract. Since the break, so established, Alexander's shipments have amounted to over 2,000 cars, and his claim on the defendants is for the difference between the price of $105 per car actually paid, and the amount for which other roads performed the same service.

The fifth case is for a similar breach of contract, a similar number of cars being involved.

William H. Vanderbilt arrived in this city yesterday morning and was duly served with the usual processes of the Circuit Court, the attorneys having wisely reserved the filing of their suit until they were pretty sure of his being on the way to this city.

MAP-PUBLISHING TROUBLES.

Moses Warren yesterday filed a bill in chancery in the Circuit Court to enjoin James Cockroft from disposing of the assets held by him, belonging to the firm of Warren, Cockroft & Co., map publishers, of which firm both parties are partners. It is stated in the bill that Cockroft was to keep a branch office in New York; and he is charged with having improperly disposed of the partnership property in connection with that office, and accepted notes without the knowledge and sanction of the firm, and not for their use; and with doing other things of the same kind, which the complainant alleges that he had no right whatever to do. The complainant shows, in his account of the receipts and assets of the firm, the lamentable result of the defendant's conduct, in a deficit of $5,248.17, or a total amount of $16,844.64. The Atlas plates cost $6,698.95, and the New York office is in debt $1,919.15. The firm owes $764.94 on bills payable, and possesses exactly $5,248.17 less than nothing to pay it with.

THE COURTS IN BRIEF.

Spencer H. Peck yesterday filed affidavit for replevin of carpets and other fittings and furniture in the Michigan Avenue House, corner of Michigan avenue and Congress street, wrongfully taken and held by L. B. Hardy and Wilbur Hardy, said property being valued at $500.

Moses S. Eisendrath yesterday entered confession of judgment in the Superior Court against Peter Johnson for the sum of $105.

Frederick Heinburg yesterday filed a bill in the Circuit Court to set aside a trust deed, and for reconveyance of premises, making George F. Crocker, Ladwiz Lanz, and Ricah Lanz defendants.

Charles R. Steele yesterday commenced suit against Charles G. P. Holden in the Circuit Court, in assumpsit, $1,200 damages.

Lewis M. Prentiss yesterday commenced suit in the Circuit Court against John R. and Alexander L. Thorne, in assumpsit, $5,000 damages.

Russell J. Waters yesterday commenced suit in the Circuit Court against D. C. Reed, in assumpsit, $1,500 damages.

On petition of the Assignee in bankruptcy, leave was given for the sale of property belonging to the estate of Staples, Fanning & Co.

An order dismissing proceedings in bankruptcy in the matter of Charles Schlicher was yesterday made, subject to objections in ten days.

Moses S. Eisendrath yesterday entered confession of judgment in the Superior Court against Peter Johnson for $105.

Cary Fitzwilliam, a traveler who sojourned at the Grand Pacific Hotel, sues Gage Bros. & Rice, in case, $300 damages, for the loss of a gold hunting-case watch, which was stolen, in consequence, he alleges, of the locks and bolts of the door of the room to which he was assigned being unserviceable.

Ebenezer Higgins yesterday entered confession of judgment in the Superior Court against George White, in the sum of $32,986.07.

Henry G. Norton & Co. yesterday commenced suit in the Circuit Court against Henry Sloan, in assumpsit, $10,000 damages.

William A. Bailey yesterday commenced suit in the Circuit Court against the Chicago, Danville & Vincennes Railroad Company, in case, $25,000 damages.

James King commenced suit in assumpsit, in the Circuit Court, against James Hickey, $5,000 damages.

SUPREME COURT—NORTHERN GRAND DIVISION.

The term of the Supreme Court for the Northern Grand Division, Illinois, will commence at Ottawa, on Tuesday, the 9th inst. Among the cases before that body to which the people look with considerable interest are those of Rafferty and Pertsch. State's Attorney Reed is preparing briefs in these cases, and expects to be ready to argue them orally on or about the 15th inst. The exact time for the argument will, of course, depend largely upon the convenience of the Court and Attorney-General Edsall. There are also some Chicago cases touching the sale of intoxicating liquors and the validity of our Sunday ordinances, the result of which will be looked forward to with some anxiety by a certain class of people.

NEW SUITS.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—James Hoag et al. v. Alfred Hadlock et al.; petition for sale of real estate in Elgin, belonging to the bankrupt estate of Jacob L. Stone, to pay the sum due to complainants on a mortgage.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.—8,401, 2, 3—Appeal. 8,404—John T. and George D. Alexander and William Fitch v. William H. Vanderbilt, the New York Central Railroad Company, the Hudson River Railroad Company, and the Toledo, Wabash & Western Railroad Company; assumpsit, $250,000. 8,405—Same v. Same; same, $100,000. 8,406—Frederick Heinberg v. George F. Crocker, Ludwig Lanz, and Ricah Lanz; bill to cancel trust and recovery premises. 8,407—Appeal. 8,408—Charles R. Steele and Charles G. P. Holden; assumpsit, $1,200. 8,409—Lewis M. Prentiss v. John R. and Alexander L. Thorne; assumpsit, $5,000. 8,410—Russell J. Waters v. Daniel Reed; assumpsit, $1,500. 8,411, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 20—Appeals. 9,421—Moses S. Norton & Co. v. Henry Sloan; assumpsit, $10,000. 8,422—Appeal. 8,423—Tarleton Jones v. Jas. Reed; covenant, $1,000. 8,424—Wm. A. Bailey v. the Chicago, Danville & Vincennes Railroad Company; case, $25,000. 8,425—John B. Grommes and Michael Girtler v. Gustav A. May; assumpsit, $1,000. 8,426—Moses King and James Hickey; assumpsit, $5,000. 8,427—Moses Warren v. James Cockroft; bill to dissolve partnership, etc. 8,428 and 8,429—Appeals. 8,430—Moses Strasburger v. Leon Frank; assumpsit, $1,800. 8,431—James A. Clybourne and Mary Clybourne, administratrix of the estate of Archibald Clybourn v. C. Humphrey; attachment, $300; concealment of property charged. 8,432—Margaret v. Jacob Kuhn; bill for divorce on the ground of drunkenness, cruelty, etc. 8,433—Sarah Tenerch v. Ezekiel Wandell; case, $2,000.

THE SUPREME COURT.—4,261—Spencer H. Peck v. L. B. and Virginia Hardy; replevin. 44,902—Moses S. Eisendrath v. Peter Johnson; confession of judgment, $105. 44,903, 4, 5, 6, and 7—Appeals. 44,908—Cary Fitz-William v. Gage Bros. & Rice; case, $300. 44,909—Ebenezer Higgins v. George White; confession, $32,986.07. 44,910—A. B. Gray et al. v. John Stephens; creditor's bill.

CALIFORNIA BANDITS.

Wholesale Murder and Robbery.

Hollister (Aug. 27) Correspondence of the San Francisco Alta.

At 8 o'clock eight Californians rode up to the store of Mr. Snyder, about twelve miles from Hollister, at the cross-road from Tres Pinos to San Benito River. No suspicions were aroused, because the native Californians are very numerous and generally inoffensive. They dismounted and entered the store. Some engaged in conversation, and others occupied the attention of the clerk, John Uzzrah, until all seemed to be in readiness, when they drew their revolvers, and ordered the inmates of the store, some three or four in number, to lie down, which they did. So quietly did they proceed that the clerk was surprised when he looked around to see the prostrate forms, and was still more so when requested to lie down himself, with two or three revolvers pointed at him. He laid down, and a part of the robbers proceeded to bind their hands behind their backs, and pinion their legs together.

While this was going on within, the terrified prisoners were startled at the report of three pistol-shots without, which proved to be the death-knell of Mr. L. Davidson, proprietor of the hotel, Mr. Redford, a teamster, and a Portuguese sheep-herder, name unknown. It seems that these three men, being outside the building, did not readily obey the commands of the assassins, or attempted to escape, and were instantly killed, two of them being shot through the breast and the other in the mouth. The robbers then proceeded to search for plunder and money.

Mrs. Snyder lives in the house adjoining the store, and the robbers ordered her to deliver up all the money she had, which she did readily. They then went to Mr. Snyder, and released him on his promise to give up all his money which he did, amounting to some $500 in coin, and several hundred dollars in checks and drafts. After completing their search for money and jewelry, having ransacked the money-drawers and the pockets of all their victims, they proceeded to divest themselves of their clothes, and dressed up in Mr. Snyder's best clothes, of which he has plenty upon his shelves. One of the band was measured, and two or three of them are well known.

All the time they conducted themselves in a cool and intrepid manner, proving themselves to be the desperate band that Vasquez has so long been credited with leading. But little was said, and that in a whisper. Vasquez himself remarked that $5,000 reward had been offered for his head; etc.

After completing the robbery they took all the horses they could find and left, most of them going toward the San Benito.

Some are apprehensive that the New Idria Stage may meet this band and suffer at their hands.

LATER.—Gov. Booth has telegraphed offering $1,000 reward for the capture of any or all of the parties. Sheriffs Wasson, of Monterey, and Adams of Santa Clara, arrived at noon to-day, organized a party of men and started in pursuit at 5 p. m. The robbers were seen at Willow Creek, forty miles beyond Tres Pinos, by a camping party at daylight this morning.

Mr. Davidson was in the sitting-room of his hotel, and, on hearing the first shot fired, which killed the Portuguese, he started for the door, and was met by one of the robbers, who told him to go back. He was in the act of closing the door to go back, when another robber fired through the lower panel of the door, the bullet striking him in the heart, killing him almost instantly. The first man shot was a Portuguese, name unknown. He refused to obey the order to lay down, and was shot twice in the side and in the mouth. He was driving a drove of bucks, and had put up for the night at Tres Pinos. Redford, the third man shot, is a teamster that had also put up for the night. He was driving Beach's team, and was very hard of hearing, and supposed misunderstood the order to lay down, and was fired at and killed instantly. Mrs. Davidson is dangerously ill. She was behind her husband when he was shot. They both fell together—her husband in her arms. He expired in 30 seconds. The wife was unhurt, except by the mental shock. An inquest was held this morning; verdict, wilful murder. Davidson will be buried in this town to-morrow, and the others at Tres Pinos. The wildest excitement prevails, almost suspending business in the town.

The robbers took all the horses and saddles that were good for anything away, and shot an old blind horse that was in the barn. The only men that the robbers did not tie was Mr. Campbell, of Hollister, and a Chinaman. After the gang left a young son of Mr. C. Smith, who was not tied, got up and cut his father loose, who then released the rest of the party. The robbers took away a considerable quantity of provisions and dry goods.

TOBACCO IN ROCK COUNTY, WIS.

Early Harvest and a Bounteous Yield --Grasshoppers and Hail--The Quality of the Product.

From the Janesville (Wis.) Gazette, Sept. 3.

A few days ago we visited the tobacco region of our county, and carefully looked over the crop now ready for the drying-houses. Properly the Towns of Janesville, Harmony, Milton, Fulton, Porter, Center, Magnolia, and Union come within this distinctive appellation, though the plant is produced to a considerable extent in other townships. But it is within the limits of these subdivisions of Rock County that we find the farmers generally entering upon the cultivation of tobacco. And in this territory the crop of the present season bids fair to surpass that of any previous growth since its cultivation was introduced into our State. We will except, however, the fields of Milton and portions of Janesville and Harmony, where swarms of grasshoppers have created sad havoc. Entire fields in those towns have been utterly ruined, and in the eastern portions of the Town of Fulton there are also indications of their presence, though their work has not proved there so disastrous as in the localities first alluded to. West of Rock River the destructive pests seem not to have intruded, the fields within the Towns of Porter, Union, Centre, and Magnolia being unharmed, so far as we could ascertain from observation and inquiry. A portion of the Town of Porter was visited by a hail-storm a few weeks ago, which destroyed probably one-quarter of the tobacco product in that township. But aside from these unavoidable visitations, the crop of Rock County is in prime condition, and as it is now ready for the harvest, its future is within the control of its producers. A few years of experience has taught them valuable lessons in the preparation of their tobacco for the market, and we see them now carefully gathering the broad leafed plants and tenderly placing them where there is just enough daylight, enough pure air and a proper degree of moisture to give the required finish to its texture and flavor. Then, too, those who can afford to delay the sale of their crops are preparing to hold it through the sweat, and a year hence they will have it in a more marketable condition than when it comes from the drying poles, gummy, half made, and rank of odor. The present season has been unusually favorable to the growth of tobacco, frequent rains and generous warmth maturing it rapidly from the first sittings, and the fields present a uniformity in size and color which can be attained only under the most favorable circumstances. The great enemy of tobacco culture in Wisconsin is the habitual June drought, but this year abundant rains moistened the soil at that critical period, and the first settings took root and grew with rapidity, bringing the harvest some two weeks earlier than usual.

Contrary to predictions made in the early spring, we notice no diminution in the acreage of tobacco this season. Every farmer planted enough to fill his sheds with an ordinary season, but as the unusual prolific growth was not anticipated, it follows that many must add to their drying accommodations. On the whole, the crop proves a flattering success, and, as there is a prospect for better prices than heretofore, we may confidently look to the present season's yield of tobacco as a valuable source of revenue to our toiling farmers.

BLOOMINGTON.

How People in the Interior of the State Spend the Summer.

The Political Situation in McLean County.

What Col. Morgan Is Trimming His Sails For.

A Contest for a Field by Two Newspapers of the Same Name.

Special Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Sept. 4.

Your city readers must not suppose that all life is contained within the busy scope of their field of action, or that animate existence, during these drowsy summer days is to be found within the limits of their visual understandings, or that of your irrepressible news-gatherers.

By the following they will be informed, somewhat, of animate and inanimate existence in the interior of the State, separated from them by ribbons of rail, and, perhaps, be interested in the interests of the former, as you daily interest them in these columns. Although it is not on the seashore or by the lake side, neither is it nestled in a ferny glen, nor yet is terraced on a mountain-side, this is a city that is gayest in summer. Located between the chief cities of the interior it has become quite a resort for city residents. Generally, these are induced to come hither, in the first instance, by pressing invitations from relatives, for there are no landlords as yet to insert seductive advertisements. Having spent a summer here, they return because the place, its people and its pleasures, allure them.

SUMMER-LOITERERS,

or, if it please you better, summer-tourists, are fast growing weary and disgusted with high life at fashionable resorts. This is especially true of the better class. The secluded summer-hotels of Nangatuck Valley, in Connecticut,—many of them so hidden in the woods and valley as to require the aid of every conceivable sort of vehicle to reach them,—are no longer running without profit, but are annually the resting-places of crowds of wearied city-folk, most of them representatives of the highest culture to be found. It is being discovered that constant dissipation, three months of attention to everybody and everything outside of one's self, preparatory to nine months of business or society life, don't profit one. To use an esthetic word, the life at fashionable summer-resorts has been found too hollow; it seads people home wrecked and ruined, and utterly unfit for the duties and gayeties of the perihelion season. Hence it is that you find people casting about for some

QUIET RESTING-PLACE,

where simplicity is the general feature of the life. But, then, few desire to be wholly separated from the gayeties of society. The moderate tourist seeks for a place where he may dip at will in dissipation, or retire from it. No person of well-preserved nature wishes to be so entangled in the vines and thickets of frontierisms that he cannot escape therefrom.

In these observations may be found the reasons why Bloomington, long since denominated, because of its dense foliage,

THE EVERGREEN CITY,

is a place of resort during these summer-months. By the term "place of resort," I do not mean to convey the impression that whole families, and mountains of trunks, and endless confusion fill our streets during the months of June and July. We thank our stars, and as many more as John Wise may catch sight of, that we are not resorted to in that way. But the term "resort," as applied to Bloomington, means that almost every train brings in some exhausted member, (usually, and happily for us, a young lady,) of a family of culture in some distant city, who comes to us for a real good time. There is nothing in that expression, to my mind, but that which smacks of freedom unrestrained, lack of formalisms, simplicity of pleasure. Well, they have it, and have it because everything combines to make them have it. Our lives are moderate, these days. Hence, we do not

WORD OUR FRIENDS AWAY

exhausted. We weary them with nothing, yet give them everything but sea-baths. But we have plenty of pure water. We give them parties, picnics, fishing; balls, billiards, and a race course; croquet, lawn-parties, and theatre; phaetons, carriages, and moonlight; circles of cultivated people, and people that are gay; a city with wide streets, overshadowed by trees; parks, and a lonely grave-yard; churches with pipe-organs, quartette-choirs with pretty voices, that come to you as they meander through the commons; plenty of young ladies and gentlemen; splendid roadways, and good liveries. All of these the visitor

MUST TAKE IN MODERATION,

for we cannot supply them in any other way. Although wealth is not lacking, most of us may be found at home during the summer, because most have friends with them, or have discovered that Bloomington is a better place to endure the summer-heat than Long Branch. When October comes, then our city becomes somewhat deserted, for then it is that the "first families," and everybody who can, take their recreation. A young lady said to me, "This should be called the City of Phaetons," and I thought she exhibited remarkable mind. Gondolas, in Venice, are not more common. One night, last summer,

A PHANTOM PROCESSION

was formed of those which happened to be on the streets, and it was not far from a mile long. So, while surrounding villages—Springfield, St. Louis, and Alton,—are deserted and dried up, and yet blow away about their life and bustle, we, in the hot weather, grow animated, and bright, and joyous.

But perhaps I had better give you a little information

CONCERNING POLITICS

in this section. It is well known that the most important gathering of farmers yet brought together in the State was held in this city last fall. Since that time, the political caldron has boiled fiercely. The county, McLean, is, I believe, the banner Republican county of Illinois. A strong Ring has controlled the elections, in the Administration interest, for many years. Its headquarters is the *Leader* office, the cradle of a baby-newspaper, in this city; and it has its spies and scouts stationed all over the country. It has been very bold, full of selfish schemes to hoist its members into office. But it must be said of it that it has not been corrupt in so far as voting the people's money away is concerned. If it has been guilty of "abstraction," the fact is not known. But

THE POWER OF THIS ASSOCIATION IS BROKEN.

The Farmers' Movement did it. The members of the Ring, before brazen-faced and vigorous, have become cowards, and are afraid to move lest they put their foot in it. If they had perfect confidence in the success of the Anti-Monopoly party, they would join it. Thus the Republican party in this county would be a swallowed up and known no more. I wonder if this is not an illustration of the political condition of the whole country? There are more men seeking power and money than platforms and principle, nowadays, and a political party becomes greatest so soon as it can command the lucrative positions.

The Farmers' Movement in this county is strong and business-like. Already there are

TWO ORGANS

of the Anti-Monopoly party established. Both of these have been christened the *Anti-Monopolist*. This, you will say, is peculiar. So it is; and it will tell you how it came about. Not long since, the managers of the *Democrat*—the Liberal organ, and, before that, the Bourbon paper—resolved to change its name, and call it the *Anti-Monopolist*, making it the organ of that party. To secure the patronage of the farmers, a meeting was called to consider the matter. A stock company was formed, consisting of farmers, a Board of Directors appointed, and an editor, in the person of Joseph Carter, selected. A day was set for its first issue to appear. About this time, an enterprising individual, named Sabin, a citizen of Saybrook,—a smart town in the eastern portion of the county,—became impressed with the idea that he should be the owner of the organ of the Anti-Monopoly party; and, further, that Saybrook, and not Bloomington, should be the headquarters of the party; that it would make the whole thing more realistic and proper if the office of the paper were located in the midst of a corn-field, its cable just appearing above the stalks. So he reasoned with himself, and deliberated with his neighbors, and the result was the issue, a week in advance of the Bloomington paper, of the *Anti-Monopolist* of Saybrook. There was a tempest in the old *Democrat* office when the new sheet was opened. It was feared the Saybrook paper had the field, for it at once took, became instantly popular, and was read everywhere before the Bloomington *Anti-Monopolist* had collected the matter for the first issue. But the Bloomington paper came out, and has been struggling three weeks. I guess it will succeed, though not at the cost of Sabin's paper.

The farmers have nominated their tickets, with fair prospects of electing most of their candidates. If they should elect any of them, and thus pull down the regular 5,000 Republican majority, the victory will be a glorious and remarkable one.

COL. RICHARD T. MORGAN,

the ex-Railroad Commissioner, a citizen of Bloomington, is on the ticket as a candidate for County Treasurer. He will run strong, being immensely popular with the farmers near by him, as well as those far away. But Morgan does not care a fig for the office, and consented to become a candidate only that he might the more closely identify himself and his name with the new party. His ambition invites him to a much higher place. The office of Executive of the State would not displease him. Many think his prospects are good for that position. In a conversation, the other day, he said he would do no stumping, but would speak only at one or two points in the county during the campaign. On the 17th a mass-meeting will be held at Saybrook, at which he will define his position. Said Col. A. Gridley, well-known in the State, to me the other day, "If I were twenty years younger, I would stump the county and elect Morgan. As it is, he will be defeated; but that is not the end. I tell you," said he, "there is nothing like the mesmeric fire of oratory to win the people's patronage."

One thing may be said of the Farmers' Movement in this county; that, among its supporters, are the solid and wealthy men of the county.

BACON.

LAPORTE.

The Ice-Trade of a Little Indiana City --A Rare Place.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

LAPORTE, Ind., Sept. 3, 1873.

The beautiful surroundings of this Brighton of Chicago, the hospitality of Mr. Thomas Fargher, and the charming society of the citizens, have detained me in the company of this coy maiden, LaPorte, longer than I anticipated. Doubtless my experiences will be the prelude of many more who will come, see, and be conquered. There is a something about the place which predisposes the mind to be at peace with itself; and I take it that, if we could at all times analyze the conditions of happiness, we should find them, in a great measure, dependent upon our immediate surroundings. The wear and tear of this Western life have expended their force; rest, observation, and wealth unconsciously succeed.

Some observers measure the civilization of a country by the amount of soap it consumes. The test scarcely applies here; it is difficult to find dirt,—"valuable matter in the wrong place." A better test of our Western towns is afforded by the amount of

ICE

consumed. If we adopt this measure, Laporte occupies no inferior rank. With a population of 8,000, its most wealthy citizens have private ice-houses. There is retailed by one ice-firm, Hill & Co., the enormous quantity of 1,200 tons per annum! The ice-wave emanating from Laporte is a gratifying measure of man's intelligence and wants in making subservient to his uses the forces of nature. Visit her lakes in winter. The green sward is covered by a snowy mantle; the water is turned into cash. Three hundred men and thirty horses are employed three months in reaping a harvest of ice from her spring-fed reservoirs, packing away into thirty-four capacious houses the concentrated rigors of winter,—placing winter under bonds of 66,000 tons of ice to mitigate the fierce rays of our summer-sun. Echeloned by the various companies, this LaPorte ice protects and ministers to the comfort of humanity in the cities of Chicago, Indianapolis, Louisville, and Cincinnati, and a host of minor towns throughout the State. The quantity is represented by a train of freight-cars

FIFTY-SEVEN MILES IN LENGTH.

Who among us can adequately measure this enlarger of our happiness? Our dairies, our meat-markets, our tin-cups, our home refrigerators, the wards of our hospitals, and our sick-rooms can testify. But there is a skeleton in the cupboard. Suppose that our temperance men were bold enough to stop our ice supply, they would cut the Gordian knot of the most difficult question of the day; for who would drink lager-beer warm? And would not the long list of cabalistic and classic drinks of the American bar become practically obsolete, and as much a mystery to future generations as the "sack" of old *Falstaff* to the present? Maybe the next move in the fight of the temperance men upon the intemperate use of tea and coffee, may wake up to the fact that their use has made cowards of us all.

Turning from this digression, I find that the thinnest ice was harvested in 1856,—it was five inches; and last winter was the thickest,—24 inches; the average is said to be 14. The price per car-load, 10 tons, delivered to car, is about $15. The ice left over from the summer experiences a loss of one-third.

This ice-trade of Laporte promises

A GREAT EXPANSION.

Ten more ice-houses are to go up this fall, and the citizens are somewhat alarmed lest the quantity thus abstracted will diminish the level of their beautiful lakes. I am inclined to think that they will yield a much greater supply of crystal winter than they now do, without a visible loss. It is to be regretted that there is no State society noting the rainfall. In its absence, it is difficult to arrive at a reliable conclusion. The lakes have an acreage of 3,000. The ice, 12 inches thick, on a surface of 53 acres, will yield 26,000 tons, and reduce the general level of the chain of lakes nearly one-fifth of an inch. As the ice is taken at a time of year when the drainage of the lakes is locked by frost, and before the melting of the snows, the present demand and which greater expansion of the ice-trade cannot sensibly affect the level. The rainfall through a cycle of dry years may do so, but not its present ice-harvests.

There is a plant growing on one of our lakes which is very rare and likely to be exterminated; it would make

A SUPERB ADDITION

to the waters of our Chicago parks. I refer to the Nelumbium Luteum. The flowers are lemon-yellow, and have a circumference of eighteen inches; the leaves are exquisitely shaded, and the seed-vessel is a vegetable curiosity. Laporte gets a great many good things from Chicago, and it is but right that her contributions from Nature should gladden the frequenters of our parks.

JOHN W. CLARKE.

PURE LIQUORS.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The Temperance party might do more good, it seems to me, if they would cease their crusade against beer, the least hurtful of all drinks, and WAGE WAR AGAINST ADULTERATED LIQUORS. Let them secure an ordinance for the destruction of all poisonous liquors sold as a beverage, and then appoint a rigid Inspector to carry the law into effect. Such a movement, being in the right direction, would receive such a powerful sanction from all parties,—even the liquor-interest itself,—that the law could be enforced,—thus doing away with the most odious feature of the traffic.

C.

WHOSE COAL IS IT?

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: When a load of coal leaves the dealer's yard, whose coal is it,—the dealer's or the customer's? I ask this question in the interest of poor people who never get all they buy or pay for. The other day, I saw the drivers of two coal-carts pelting each other with the coal, which doubtless belonged to some poor families. It was fun for the drivers, who seemed not to care so long as the coal did not belong to them and they were not held responsible by buyer or seller.

B.

UNION PARK.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The safety of the multitude which frequents Union Park on music-nights requires either that carriages be prohibited from entering the park, or that police be stationed at the gate with authority to limit the number entering, and direct the order of exit. Some precaution is also needed at the bridges, when crowded with persons and teams, they give way, causing a disaster similar to the Dixon catastrophe. I

WASHINGTON.

The Civic Situation There--Congress as a Building Association.

The Board of Public Works, and Its Effect on the General Government.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29, 1873.

The City of Washington presents an improved and begutted appearance at this moment. The improvements and excavations vanish into each other, and the spectator is filled with mingled wonder and apprehension and fear of being buried alive.

THE WANDERING JEW

appears to have been the chief engineer of our Board of Public Works. "Walk on," says Destiny to this engineer, "you will not be allowed to stop in the comprehensive plan until you have graded all the way from Point Lookout to the Sugar-Loaf Mountain!" The doomed engineer walks on; he is in mud up to his armpits; he bears the banner with the strange device of Excelsior, and changes his grades with the ease of Matt Carpenter changing his politics. Every grade recently established must be presently reformed; the great sewer which bisects the city lengthwise is found to need a parallel sewer to keep it company; the turnpike-roads leading out of town are discovered to need graduation and widening; remote farmers are brought within our blessed radius, and compelled to listen to the Gospel according to St. Mallet or St. Green. They do say that the latest engineer imported here was turned out of office in Cincinnati for such admirable ignorance that he found no difficulty in being retained under our system. And there is Babcock, one of Grant's Secretaries, who has cut down the trees in the East Park of the Capital; how truly like Grant is he!

IN ACCUMULATION AND SILENCE.

Merciful heavens! is this government or humor? Is it Vauban or a ground-hog? Is it grand strategy or burrowing? The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the citizen of Washington has not where to lay his foot.

I wander around here with the impression that Napoleon III. and James Gordon Bennett are excavating for the purpose of writing the life of Cæsar. What is that excavated object up yonder with an Indian wigwam on the tower of it? It is the palace of a Roman Senator from the State of Nevada, William Stewart, who undoubtedly proposes to call it

EMMA HALL,

after the famous haul he made in the London market. Excepting the Reminiscences of Senator Foote, his father-in-law, there is nothing like it in art or abstruseness. Foote's Reminiscences remind me of the man's description of Free-Masonry. He said that they got together in a dark room, and solemnly swore not to tell anything. "And then," said the man, "they hadn't nothing to tell." What is that which swoops around nearer the eye, and presents a clambering ladder of bays and broad-armed ports, all fantastic and fandangoish with projections, pilasters, towers, and steepnesses? It is the row of Boss Shepherd, Architect Clusa & Co., who can never find their way to bed in it. What do I see on Pennsylvania avenue, rearing up into the cerulean blue, striped betwixt Seneca and Ohio stone, and putting the Washington Monument to blush? It is the publishing palace of Brother Murtagh, who edits the President's intentions, and has spent $170,000 upon this Pharos. Near at hand, in a gap of the avenue, the structure of the *Daily Chronicle* is preparing to ascend. Brother George R. Corkhill, of Iowa, has added his mite to Brother Harlan's *douches*, and they do not mean to be outbuilded. Here are claim-agents building

NATIONAL AND CONGRESSIONAL

and "right-hand" man building pagodas. Here is a local architect who has got the British Government where the mane is short, and who desires to build a $300,000 house for a Parliamentary appropriation of $80,000. Here is the wedded Robeson putting up a pressed brick, and the Attorney-General is adding the last links to his broad-tread mansion. The grades which go up Capitol Hill begin in the circumambient suburbs, and look like inclined planes to Paradise. Seventh street, where all Jewry congregates under fluttering ready-made clothes, is propped up on jack-screws and trestles. The great State Department—Mallet's sarcophagus—is nearly to the eaves; and the President's stable, under it, looks like a necessary appendage. Tar burns on vacant lots; pebbles are crushed by the road; great engines, like the ox of Juggernaut, belch smoke and fire; and Chey is sowering to China. Contractors are thick as Senators. Who breaks pays nothing. For this is the remark of every loyal Washingtonian: "Congress has got to take care of this District. If they won't, what are they going to do about it?"

A sober review of this municipal government shows all

THE IMPOTENCY OF CONGRESS

in our day to legislate over a few miles square with wisdom, or to compel respect for such limitations as it does enact. Formerly it gave nominally one hour a month to Columbia; but some land-grabber, or advocate of special legislation generally, got that hour, and the unfortunate District was remanded to the next month, voiceless and neglected. In the nature of things, the time had to come when the real-estate and bonded-debt scramble which had seized all other cities would reach this hapless nook. There were in Washington two or three men only who had learned the lesson of civil extravagance, and saw the easy opportunity to become possessed of this District. Congress gave it to them as carelessly as it had before neglected it. Two of them—Shepherd, a plumber, and Evans, a contractor,—were men of nerve and ideas. Shepherd probably has not his superior in any of our cities as a man of confidence, executive capacity, observation, and adaptativeness. He had made a study of the influences potent with Congressmen, and grasped the fact of the helplessness of the Government to repudiate any municipal obligations which might be created here; for this is the home of the Federal authority. There is nowhere else it can go, being anchored here to granite piers, and reciprocally dependent upon the city for a residence, and bound up with its exchequer. When the people who live here are taxed heavily, so are Congress and all the bureau people. The cost of improvements of the place was foredoomed in his mind to be taken up by the National authority; there was no security demanded of his Board of Public Works, and no penalty for running into debt. Therefore, when Congress said that the debt of the District should in no case exceed $10,000,000 it said nothing which is not evadible. The cost of the work which has been done here is generally set down by critical examiners to amount to the formidable sum of

EIGHTEEN MILLIONS.

Much of it is unpaid for; wages are behind hand; and still the work of upheaval and rehabilitation is going on, and will be pushed until winter. To make assurance doubly sure, a large percentage of Congressmen have been taken into the confidence of the local magnates, and the superior jurisdiction of Congress is practically reversed,—Washington City being to-day the most aggressive and irresponsible municipal government in the land. Congress is somewhat to it as an interested party, and the controlling men of that body own property here which they must legislate for. I can run over a list of some of the Senators who are already proprietors, openly or through a dependent: Morrill, of Maine, Patterson, of New Hampshire, Edmunds, Sumner, Sprague, Buckingham, Conkling, Thomas, Bayard, West, Sargent, Jones, Stewart (two residences), Harlan, Pomeroy, C. C. Washburn, Chandler, Sherman, Howe. Here are eighteen, and the list is not complete.

MORE SENATORS

than ever possessed real estate at one time in this District. In the House of Representatives, the list includes Blaine, the Speaker; Garfield, the Chairman of Appropriations, who gave the District more than $3,000,000 of money last year; Hooper, of the Finance Committee, who owns both a large dwelling and a hotel; ex-Chairman of Ways and Means Schenck; ex-Senator Morgan, who is a very large property-holder; several Democrats, as Swann and Fernando Wood; and many others who have very recently invested. The Committees of both Houses of Congress are made at the suggestion of the Board of Public Works; and Democrats, like Eldridge, are intimate confreres of our local magnates. In all the above there is no criminality, but it is plain to be seen that, as the proportion of Congressmen who have investments here increases, so will the probability of their desire to transfer local interests to the Federal Treasury. The appropriations last year were sufficient, if given with regularity for five years, to pay off the whole of the encumbrances indebtedness of the city. Next winter, not less than

FIVE MILLIONS

will be solicited. The bonds of the Capital City are familiar in London, Paris, Amsterdam, and New York; and the certificates of the City Assessors upon private property liable to sale unless meeting the taxes consequent upon these costly works, are held by the term by every operator, large or small, who has resided here.

Dishonesty of the plain "knock-down" description, such as Garvey, Tweed, and Connolly performed, is not charged upon Shepherd. He is now prepared to demand an investigation, and his extraordinary memories of Charles A. Dana to come here and be tried before a tipstaff, he said to have been designed to open the way for it. But none of the leaders in these improvements, nor their confidential friends, are not

PROSPECTS SEE TO-DAY.

How far a public officer may combine opportunity and enterprise, directing the public expenditure toward those points which he is also privately developing, seems to have been settled in our day differently from the decisions pertinent of former officials. The President of the United States has made the official code what it is, and the age seems to have taken no offense. Mr. Shepherd is in like manner a Peter Palmer of Cyrus McCormick on a pecuniary plane. He has built in all parts of the city and District, and demonstrated his confidence in the future of the place. He may have, at this moment, as many as 1,500 houses under the vista of the Capitol. He is literally undisputed here, and no person in any American city has equal authority. Often obliging and generous, he is also relentless and resentful, as in the case with young men glutted with local dominion. A few years will find him a richer and than Corcoran, the banker, whom he has put to challenge, and even to silence. This kind of authority prolonged is neither seemly nor safe, and it is time for a change. Congress should both prescribe the change and name the successors, and not leave the latter task to the President. I hold, how pitiable, kindly sway is needful for this town, with

NO HOME SAVOR EARTHWARD

about it. And it is noticeable that, while of the recent State Constitutional Conventions have made the discussion of public men and questions no libel at law, the head of the Washington Board of Public Works wants to punish editors whose papers can circulate here ever so little, by dragging them across four Commonwealths. This is Pontius Pilate come again,—the real old military governorship. Such an easy ought to satisfy anybody that Mr. Shepherd does not know the limits of power any more than of money. This District is filled with citizens, writers and others, who come here on the errands and for the true information of distant constituencies. Whenever a local event, or series of events, happens in this city which affects the Government tenanted here, it becomes National in its consequence. And the signs of the period show that it is not wholly safe or advisable for members of Congress, who hold for short and temporary terms, to represent both Washington and their constituency as householders. When every Senator and Congressman has a house of his own at Washington, the city had

SETTLED AS BASED TO ITS GROWTH,

for Congress will be a permanent body. Far better would it be for the Capital Regime future to establish places of residence here, and hold them for successive generations.

These reflections will probably strike the Board of Public Works as Jacobinical, and chilled from a mare

COOK COUNTY TAXES.

Apparent Discrepancy in the Returns Made to the State Auditor.

Complaint that the Capital Stock of Corporations was Not Assessed.

Investigation by a Committee of the State Board of Equalization.

Testimony of the Town Assessors---Opinion of the County Attorney.

The Committee appointed by the State Board of Equalization to inquire into the alleged discrepancy between the County Clerk's returns for 1872 and 1873, made to the State Auditor, met yesterday in the County Commissioners' chamber. The Hon. R. P. Derrickson, of Cook, the Hon. Daniel R. McMasters, of Randolph, and the Hon. Mr. Dewey, of Will, composed the Committee. They were all present except Mr. Dewey. Mr. Derrickson took the chair, and called Mr. McMasters to order. Mr. Jeremiah Crowley was appointed clerk. The County Attorney, the County Clerk, and the Assessors were in attendance.

The Chairman called the attention of Assessor Gray, of Hyde Park, to the clause in the Revenue law requiring the assessors to assess the capital stock of incorporated companies.

Mr. Gray said there were no incorporated companies in Hyde Park.

Mr. Amberg, of the West Side, and Mr. Patch, of the North Side, were called upon.

Mr. McMasters desired they should be sworn, and they swore to testify truly, and so forth.

Mr. McMasters then read the section of the Revenue law relative to incorporated companies. He said there were two counties in the State, Cook and Will, which failed to schedule these corporations. The Assessors failed to return them to the County Clerk, and he, therefore, could not return them to the Auditor.

MR. PATCH

said in his district there were but three corporations, one a horse-railroad company, one a bank, one a distillery. He had sent them blanks which they failed to fill and return, and he then scheduled as nearly as he could, dividing it between personal and real property. He attempted to get at their capital as nearly as possible. He assessed nothing but their tangible property, real and personal.

To Mr. Derrickson—Did not fill the blanks himself after the Companies failed to make the returns. He assessed them on what he believed they were entitled to pay.

To Mr. McMasters—He knew more about his duty now than he did before, as he was not aware he should not assess their capital stock.

JULIUS ROSENSTUS.

Deputy-Assessor of the South Side, was sworn, and said he did not know how many corporations were in his district. It was very hard to find out these Companies. At some places they said they could not make returns, others said they had property scattered all over the State on which they paid taxes, that property being part of their capital stock. The Auditor had instructed them to assess on the property in this county, and they did so, assessing their tangible property. It was very hard to find those Companies, as few of them had signs up.

MR. AMBERG,

the West Side Assessor, being sworn, said there were very few corporations that had their offices on the West Side; there were two banks; left blanks; they did not fill them; he did not fill them himself.

The Committee went through a list of incorporated companies in this county, said list being furnished by the Secretary of State's office. There were some 450 companies in the list, but many of them exist on paper only. Such a company is the "Incompatible Shoe and Last Company," and hundreds like it. The capital of the bogus and genuine companies averaged $250,000 each. Of the entire list, not more than perhaps thirty are bona fide institutions.

To-morrow it is intended to examine the officers of some of these companies.

MR. HENRY T. RYCE,

who has had charge of the Revenue Department in the County Clerk's office explained informally the apparent discrepancy between the number of acres and lots reported to the Auditor in 1872 and 1873. He stated that in making up the abstract for the County Board, that, when he came to certain towns, the Assessors failed to add up the number of acres and lots, and he gave those books out to the clerks in the office to have them added up, and he went along with the other towns that were properly returned and made out the list. In his hurry to get the report to the Auditor he omitted to insert those towns that had been given out to be added up. There were three or four towns not added footenough to make a material difference. The State Board could add those towns to the report. The difference in the nine of lots in Cook County is so great that the County Board in making their equalization never considered the lands separate from the lots, and never equalized on lots separate from land. Some town lots were from 5 to 10 acres each in suburban towns such as Hyde Park, Lake View, etc., and some, as, for instance, Scott's Chicago Boulevard Addition to Washington Heights in the Town of Worth, were about 15 feet front by 60 feet deep, with 8-foot alleys and 16-foot streets. In addition to their diminutive size, these lots were under water in a swamp. That was given simply as an illustration of the difference in the size of lots in the county. Coming down to the actual figures, showing the difference between what was actually reported to the Auditor and what the actual footings were as shown by the Assessors' returns: The total number of acres of lands, improved and unimproved, as reported to the Auditor, is 497,497, and the actual number as shown by the Assessors' returns was 524,610, making a difference of 27,113 acres. The total number of improved and unimproved lots reported to the Auditor was 177,229, and the total number as shown by the Assessors' returns was 222,860, making a difference of 45,631 lots. The total number of acres of lands reported to the Auditor for 1873 was 535,050 acres; the total number that should be reported for 1873 was 524,610, showing a difference of 10,440 acres less than in 1872. The total number of lots reported to the Auditor for 1872 was 185,192, and the total number that should have been reported was 222,860, making an excess over 1872 of 37,668 lots, which accounted for the number of acres being less in 1873 than 1872. The 10,440 acres less in 1873 than in 1872 was accounted for by the 37,668 lots subdivided since the assessment for 1872 was made. He was responsible for the apparent discrepancy.

The Committee adjourned until 9:30 this morning.

INTERVIEWS.

Being interviewed, Mr. Derrickson stated that he offered the resolutions under which the Committee were investigating matters because, on arriving at Springfield, he found the Board laboring under the impression that Cook County was trying to evade the payment of her share of the taxes. He thought it best for some of the rural members to come and hear and see for themselves.

Mr. McMasters, in an interview, wished it known that the country members of the Board were not actuated by feelings of hostility to Chicago, but when they saw the apparent discrepancy between the returns of 1872 and 1873 they thought something must be wrong, and that an investigation would be proper.

THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

The Hon. James P. Root, County Attorney, who is well posted on the Revenue law and its workings, submitted to the following interview:

Reporter—The Springfield correspondents state that you have advised the County Assessors that the Revenue law is unconstitutional, and, therefore, they need not report corporations.

Mr. Root—This is not true. I suppose it arose from some statement made by Mr. Miles, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations. My instructions were that the law must be enforced; that their duty was to present the blanks to the corporations and return them to the County Clerk. My instructions were specific on this point, and at a meeting of the Assessors, held before they received their books, I explained the provisions of the law in this particular fully. I also explained it fully to the representatives of a dozen corporations who called on me.

Reporter—But what steps did you take when you found the Assessors had not made the returns?

Mr. Root—I sent for the Assessors, especially those in the city, and asked them why no returns were made, and they answered so substantially as they did Mr. Mr. Miles, viz.: That the corporations claimed that when they were assessed on their tangible property,—real and personal property—they had complied with the law; that many of them understood the law that way, while others claimed that they had listed all the property they had. I probably told Mr. Miles that some corporations claimed the law was unconstitutional.

Reporter—But they say you have said the State Board is an unconstitutional body.

Mr. Root—No one of us ever said any such thing, except as an excuse. I have said no such thing. When people want to do a thing that requires an excuse, it is a very easy matter to find one. The genius of the American is wonderful in this direction. Chips are plenty, and it is an easy matter to put one on one's own shoulder. The wolf had no trouble when he wanted to "chaw up" the lamb.

Reporter—What is your opinion of the power of the State Board to assess corporation property?

Mr. Root—The law authorizes the State Board to assess the property of corporations. I think it is competent for them to do so.

Reporter—What property do they assess, and what is the mode?

Mr. Root—I can answer that question by an illustration. Suppose a corporation is engaged in the manufacturing business. Its capital stock paid up is $100,000. It has on hand in real and personal property $100,000. This property the Assessor is required to assess. But the business is well managed, and it has a good line of trade, so that the shares are worth $120. The law authorizes the State Board to assess $20,000 against the stock of the corporation, thus calling the premium as so much additional capital.

Reporter—But suppose the $100,000 actual property is sold for taxes, how will the tax on the other $20,000 be collected?

Mr. Root—Well, you are getting deeper in the conundrum business than I am able to go. I suppose when you tax a shadow you can levy on it if you can catch it.

Reporter—What, in your opinion, will the State Board do with Cook County.

Mr. Root—I don't know. I have seen several members of the Board; I don't see how he wants to do the right thing, but all the rules are prejudiced. I have seen nothing myself that would indicate unfairness. It is unfortunate that our corporations have not made returns, and I suppose it is thought to be a suspicious circumstance by some of the members of the Board.

Reporter—Is there any prejudice in the minds of the State Board against Cook County?

Mr. Root—I have no means of knowing. I have not asked them. Only know what some of them tell me about some of the others. I don't think there is any prejudice. I believe they are all fair-minded men. Some indiscreet, unofficial remarks may have been made, such as "We will tax up the smaller counties and put the surplus on to Cook;" but I don't think such remarks will have any influence.

Reporter—What is in this story about the lands and lots not being assessed in Cook County?

Mr. Root—There is nothing in it. There is evidently a mistake in the footings. If there is less acres property there are more lots, for there a large number of new subdivisions. Correct footings will show thousands more lots than in 1872. I do not suppose there are any lots omitted. The County Board, at a great expense, caused the subdivisions all to be included, and they are. There has never been so thorough an assessment. This pretense that lands and lots have been omitted is a man of straw, easily set up and as easily knocked down. The Assessors have been very thorough in this respect, and Mr. Pollok, the Clerk, and his assistants have been very careful to get in all the property.

Reporter—Well, then, the only difficulty about the matter is as to the returns of corporations. Is that so?

Mr. Root—I think that is about all, and that can be cured. When Mr. Miles was here I told him that the Board could send a committee here and they could call on these corporations for the information the Assessors had failed to procure—that I had thought it was competent for them to do so; and it seems the State Board have availed themselves of the suggestion. The Assessors declined to Mr. Miles to undertake the matter. I think the State Board is not limited to the information which the Assessors may furnish. The law requires the State Board to assess, and the Assessor's return is only one of the modes pointed out for obtaining the information.

Reporter—What will the Committee do to-day?

Mr. Root—I don't know. I suppose they will obtain information as to the corporations, and the value of their capital stock.

Reporter—Will the Assessors furnish them any information?

Mr. Root—I can only say that Mr. Philips declined to make any further attempt, for the reason that he thought it useless. I have not seen Mr. Amberg, of West Chicago. Mr. Patch, of North Chicago, is willing to furnish any information, but says there are only two or three corporations located on the North Side. I don't know of any corporation in other towns, except, perhaps, in Town of Lake, and possibly in Jefferson.

Reporter—How many corporations are there in Cook County?

Mr. Root—I have no means of knowing. I presume the large number scredited to Cook County in the Secretary of State's office are not all in existence. Many of them, especially mining concerns, are only on paper, and many have never been organized.

Reporter—But are there not some valuable corporations?

Mr. Root—I presume there are many. Their value depends largely on their management. A change in that would reduce their value.

Reporter—How about other counties in the State. Have their corporations made returns?

Mr. Root—Some have. I understand none are in from Will or Adams Counties, and but a few from Sangamon, where there are many.

Reporter—Does this Committee propose to visit other counties?

Mr. Root—I presume so. It is their duty to do so.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE.

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—The range of temperature this day, as reported by L. Manasse, optician, No. 23 West Madison street, every half-hour, is as follows:

7:00 a. m.	75	12:30 p. m.	79
7:30 a. m.	75	1:00 p. m.	79
8:00 a. m.	76	1:30 p. m.	80
8:30 a. m.	76	2:00 p. m.	81
9:00 a. m.	76	2:30 p. m.	82
9:30 a. m.	77	3:00 p. m.	82
10:00 a. m.	78	3:30 p. m.	83
10:30 a. m.	79	4:00 p. m.	83
11:00 a. m.	81	4:30 p. m.	81
11:30 a. m.	81	5:00 p. m.	81
12:00 m.	81	6:00 p. m.	79

ROBBERY OF STATIONERS.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Our store having been entered by burglars last night, and robbed of several hundred dollars' worth of goods, and since learning that several other houses in our line of business (stationers) have also been robbed within the past week, we deem it a duty to caution, through the medium of your widely-circulated paper, other dealers, that there appears to be a class of sneak-thieves at work just at present, who are making a specialty of stationer goods, that they may be on their guard.

HINDLE & JENKINS.

CHICAGO, Sept. 4, 1873.

Chickering Pianos---A Mission.

Mr. Reed, Sr., of the Temple of Music, was lately sent on a mission to the Chickering factory with instructions from the firm to purchase and forward at once 100 pianos that for tone and finish should excel anything of the kind undertaken heretofore. Mr. Reed, Sr., has the reputation of being one of the very best judges of a good piano that can be found in the country, having learned his trade and served his time as a workman in the Chickering factory, and since then for the last thirty years being one of the leading piano dealers of the West. The instruments selected by him are now on exhibition at the warerooms of the firm corner of Dearborn and Van Buren streets, and as each one was selected with special reference to its tone and quality the entire lot make one of the finest stocks ever brought to Chicago. Those interested in music, whether wishing to buy or not, are cordially invited to call.

Our Products at Vienna.

Among the awards to America at Vienna, one of the most significant is the medal of merit gained by our Northwestern cereals. In competition with the Baltic, Egypt, Sicily, and all the famous grain-fields of the world, our new lands in Minnesota, Montana, and Oregon have carried off the prize. Correspondents state that the wheat from Minnesota and Oregon, attracted the eye, color, and body from Montana, attracted much admiration, and drew a constant crowd about the stand of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, who made the exhibition. A thriving trade in samples might have been done had there been any means of supplying the demands for seed.

THE NEW FREIGHT-TARIFF.

What the Chicago Railroad Managers Think of the Commissioners' Tariff.

Wherein It Discriminates Against This City---Increase of Freight Rates to Eastern Points.

The new freight-tariff fixed by the Railroad Commissioners of this State for the Toledo, Wabash & Western Railroad, and which is understood also to apply to the Chicago & Alton; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; Chicago & Northwestern, and Illinois Central Railroads, and which was published in yesterday's TRIBUNE, is severely denounced by the officers of roads in this city as unjust, and in favor of small roads running across the State east and west. They assert that, if that tariff was applied to the Chicago roads mentioned above, it would do enormous mischief to the trade of our city, and that our large merchants should take immediate measures against it.

Both the Illinois Central and the Chicago & Alton Roads charge more for short distances than the rates on the new tariff; but, after getting 155 miles, the grain-rates, by the Commissioners' tariff, are higher than the rates charged on grain shipped to elevators on the Chicago & Alton or Illinois Central Railroads.

On 155 miles, the grain-rates on the Commissioners' tariff are 1-10 per cent per 100 lbs higher than the regular tariff of the Chicago & Alton Road. For 200 miles, they are 1 per cent per 100 lbs higher, and for 240 miles the difference reaches 1¼ per cent per 100 lbs.

On rates for short distances the Commissioners' tariff is much lower than the tariff of the Chicago, Alton & St. Louis Railroad. The Chicago & Alton and the Illinois Central tariffs made a reduction on mixed merchandise shipped in car-loads of from 20 to 30 per cent, which reduction enables the Chicago jobbers and merchants to compete with the East for the Central Illinois and Western and Northwestern trade. But, the Commissioners having made no reduction for large quantities, our merchants and jobbers, under their tariff, could not possibly compete with the East, nor with St. Louis, Cincinnati, and other Western cities.

Under the Commissioners' tariff, the rates from Chicago to Springfield, on a car-load of fourth-class goods, would be 25 88-100 cents per 100, while under the present tariff of the Illinois Central and Chicago & Alton Railroads the rates would be 24 34-100 per 100 lbs on the car-load. The Illinois Central tariff on coal for 175 miles, shipped in quantities of 3,000 tons per month, is $18.23 per car-load of ten tons, while the Commissioners' tariff for the same distance and quantity is $23.40, making a difference against the public of $5.17 per car-load.

On iron ore and pig-iron, which are articles largely used by manufacturers in this city and vicinity, the Chicago & Alton Road charges on a shipment of ten cars and upwards, for a distance of 240 miles, $29.75 for a car-load of ten tons. The Commissioners' rate for the same quantity and distance is $34.45, making a difference to the manufacturer of $4.60 per car load.

The Commissioners' rates and the rates of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Road are more nearly equal than those of the roads mentioned above. This is because the Burlington Road traverses a different section of the country from the other two roads; nor has the Burlington Road to compete with large cities like Cincinnati, St. Louis, etc. Yet the managers of the Burlington line of road join the other Companies in the complaint that the Commissioners' tariff was making an unjust discrimination against the large Chicago roads in favor of small country roads; as, for example, the rates on lumber for distances of 100 miles, and which is mostly shipped from this city, are much higher than those on stock, while a car-load of stock is worth nearly three times as much as a car-load of lumber.

MEETING OF FREIGHT-AGENTS.

A meeting of General Western Freight Agents of all the lines running east from Caicago was held yesterday at the office of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Road, at which it was decided to advance freights as follows by all Eastern lines to Boston and New England points: New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Harrisburgh, Wilmington, Del., Washington, D. C., Alexandria, Va., Norfolk, Va., Wilmington, N. C., Charleston, S. C., Savannah, Ga., Petersburgh, and Richmond, 5 cents per 100 pounds on fourth-class bulk grain and bulk meats, and 10 cents per barrel on flour. The rates to Cleveland will be: On fourth-class grain, 2½ cents; flour, 50 cents. To Albany—Fourth-class grain, 45 cents; flour, 90 cents. To Buffalo—Fourth-class grain, 50 cents; flour, $1. These rates will go into effect to-day.

INDIANA COAL.

The Chicago, Danville & Vincennes Railroad is now bringing to this city daily about 100 car-loads of Indiana coal. The Company have recently purchased a tract of 15 acres of land at the corner of Brown and Sixteenth streets, to be used as a store-yard for coal.

PERSONAL.

Prof. Swing and family arrived from the East last evening. The Professor preaches at Mc-Vicker's Sunday morning.

David Edwards has been appointed Superintendent of the Toledo, Detroit & Southern Canada Railroad, in addition to his duties as Superintendent of the main line of the Canada Southern, west of the Detroit River.

The following were among the prominent arrivals at the Commercial, yesterday: C. H. White, Green Bay; L. Hapgood and wife, Sterling; B. Neely, Negaunee; H. L. Merryvell, Washington; Dr. J. B. Gully, Geneva; D. B. Wilson, San Jose; J. B. Defrees, Goshen, Ind.; B. G. Leonez, Milwaukee.

Amasa Stone, Managing Director, accompanied by William H. Vanderbilt, son of the Commodore, and several other influential railroad men, arrived in this city yesterday by a special train on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad. They will leave for St. Louis this morning on the same special train via the Chicago, Alton & St. Louis Railroad.

William J. Hill, a young man who has been in the employ of the Thayer Piano Company many years, left for Sheffield, England, yesterday, where his mother and sister live. A number of his young acquaintances on Wednesday evening gave him a sort of social send-off, at the residence of W. H. Potter, on Wabash avenue, and he goes out upon the deep ballasted with the esteem of plenty of firm friends.

P. D. Cooper, Assistant General Superintendent of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, has resigned, to accept the position of General Superintendent of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway. Mr. Cooper has been connected with the Michigan Southern Railroad nearly seventeen years, and during that time has secured the good will and confidence of the officers and employes of the road, who greatly regret his leaving them for new pastures.

C. L. James, an Eau Claire (Wis.) *Free Press* editor, was married last Monday. Mr. James is a son of the great novelist.

Gen. Amasa Cobb is about to remove his family from Mineral Point, Wis., to Lincoln, Neb., where he has been living for some time.

The Duke of Sutherland, who is constructing, at his own cost, the Sutherland & Carthness Railway in England, is a practical engineer, and often mounts the locomotive and drives his own cars up and down the line.

Nebraska named a town Vanderbilt and then wrote to the Commodore. He replied that he didn't care a d——n. They have informally changed the name of that town to Vanderbilt Dam—only they put the dam first.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

We glory in Matt Carpenter as a mighty Republican leader, as a full-blooded man, as a large, royal nature, as having in him the makings of more manhood than the whole pack of his traducers from Maine to the Pacific.—*Green Bay Gazette.*

The *Christian Cynosure*, of Chicago, which is anti-Masonic, if anything, has published an article, contributed by W. H. Robinson, a member of the Masonic lodge of Yates City, Ill., which has got Mr. R. into trouble with the brotherhood. He has retained legal counsel, and the end is not yet.

Justice says he never leaves those who attack him until they say they are sorry. Has Gen. Grant said he was sorry? When the President's special train went through the Essex towns, the other day, Butler paraded himself arm-in-arm with Grant on the platform. Perhaps Butler has only bottled up his wrath.—*Worcester Gazette.*

Mrs. I. F. Andrews, wife of the late local editor of the Des Moines *Republican*, has commenced suit against that paper for $50. That paper says "the claim is made by Mrs. Andrews for reporting the Hammond meeting which was a part of Mr. Andrews' duty, as local, to do; but, he being hard of hearing, she reported it at his solicitation and for him, and not at the request of the management of the *Republican*, against whom she has no legal claim whatever." It seems, however, that the Justice of the Peace before whom the case was tried thought differently, as he gave Mrs. A. a judgement for the amount claimed. It will probably go to a higher court.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

There will be a grand musical entertainment at Riverside Hotel this evening, under the direction of Prof. Chant.

The city borrowed $500,000 from the State Savings Institution yesterday. This is not included in the $1,000,000 the same concern negotiated for the city a short time since.

The Everett Literary Society meets to-night in the basement of the Union Park Congregational Church, after a vacation of two months. It is earnestly desired that every member be present at 7:30 p. m. sharp.

The contract for laying concrete drives and walks in the Water-Works lot was awarded to the Chicago Paving Company, at $1.20 per yard for the walks, two inches thick, and $2.30 per yard for the driveway, four inches thick.

The Board of Police held no session yesterday, but Supt. Washburn filed his charges with the Secretary of the Board against the Station-Keeper of the West Side, Officer Richard J. Daly. The charge is conduct unbecoming an officer, and the specifications are not fit for publication. The case will be tried to-morrow.

Mr. Henry E. Hamilton is a candidate for County Clerk on the "up-stairs" ticket. His ancestors lived in North Chicago when the Indians ran Chicago politics, and he saw daylight just as the sun rose over the lake one fine morning ever so long ago. Mr. Hamilton is handsome, and owns a fine beard. George Meech is candidate for City Attorney on the same ticket.

Building permits were granted yesterday as follows: T. Tiedeman, two-story and basement brick, 23x45 feet, on North LaSalle street; Jacob Booth, three-story and basement brick, 52x50 feet, on West Indiana street; Mrs. Caroline Lott, two-story and basement brick, 25x60 feet, on corner Ada and Wells streets; and James McGraw, two-story and basement brick, 21x40 feet, on Quincy street.

William A. Butters & Co. sold lots yesterday as follows: On Drexel boulevard: 100 feet to F. Fitzhugh, $12,500; 100 feet to H. C. Bradley, $15,500; 100 feet to D. S. Taylor, $15,500; 129 feet to James D. Morey for $29,025; 100 feet to J. A. Griswold, $17,127.06. On Cottage Grove avenue: 150 feet to Roland Craig for $9,750, and 150 feet to John P. Olinger for $9,000. Total, $114,102. On Monday next they will sell lots on Wabash avenue, near Fifty-ninth street.

The officers and Directors of the Orphan Asylum express their warmest acknowledgment for a large donation of coal from W. L. Scott & Co. and Benton Brothers & Co., of Erie, Pa., and to the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad for a great diminution in their charges for transporting it. They also thank the ladies of Erie for their kind reception of their solicitor, Miss Blake. They finally desire the Erie papers copy this.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Nursery and Half-Orphan Asylum, held Monday, it was reported that 25 children were admitted during the month of August, and the total number of inmates in the institution was 142. The health of the institution was good, but the physician reported that the large number of inmates endangered the general health unless the number was in some way reduced or the capacity of the building enlarged.

Yesterday, at noon, a derrick standing in front of the new building on Randolph street, next west of Heath & Milligan's store, fell, and in doing so smashed two buggies to splinters, without injury to the horses that were in them. The stone which was being elevated at the time tore part of the cornice-work off the store of Heath & Milligan. It was very fortunate that the accident transpired just when it did. Ten minutes later the stream of people homewards set in, and the street was thronged with foot-passengers and street-cars.

A grand sweepstakes trot for a purse of $400 will occur at Dexter Park, on Saturday afternoon, and it promises to be an interesting and exciting race. The following well-known road horses are entered, and from present appearances all of them are likely to be good trim for a brush: W. N. Hart's s. g. Billy; J. T. Rawleigh's b. g. Bay Dan; P. Goodman's b. g. Peter Probity; G. B. Coombs' c. g. Tempest, and George Morris' b. g. Peavine. The race will be called at 3 p. m. sharp, and will be trotted in strict accordance with the rules.

A gale toyed with a tall derrick standing in front of Norcross & Gale's building, on Randolph street, near LaSalle, yesterday morning, at 11 o'clock, and, by a fatal miscalculation, tipped it over, thereby throwing a stone through a large glass in a front window of Heath & Milligan's store, depositing it in the counting-room, and causing confusion and alarm among the book-keepers. The derrick fell with great violence to the earth, before reaching which, it smashed two vehicles and fatally wounded a horse. Nobody was hurt, and the derrick was not broken.

Two drays had a very soft thing, at the same time, at the corner of Randolph and LaSalle streets, yesterday at noon. They were both heavily loaded, and in crossing the street, sank to their hubs in the clay which had been recently thrown over the new gas-main. They drew a curious, and, it seemed, a sympathizing, crowd. Being close to the railroad tracks they obstructed the street-car line. Hence they drew a legion of street-car conductors. Everybody helped, and with the assistance of everybody both were, after being stuck half an hour, liberated, and everybody was happy.

The consideration of the nomination of Matt Benner for Fire-Marshal by the Committee of Fire and Water was postponed yesterday until Monday afternoon, at the request of Ald. McGrath, who was unable to be present, owing to illness in his family. The Committee agreed to recommend the purchase of the lot in the Sixth Ward, on the corner of Onondaga and Halsted streets, for an engine-house. The lot is 55x130 feet, and the price is $62 per front foot. An exhibition of the Richards Fire-Escape will take place by the Fire Department on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Members of the Council are asked to attend to see the practical working. The experiment will be made at Hamlin & Hale's building.

Michael Haltman and Mary, his wife, living at 208 East Kinzie street, were charged, at the West Side Police Court, yesterday, with beating their son, a boy 7 years of age, in a cruel manner. The case was prosecuted by Mr. Hamilton, Agent of the Humane Society. It seems that some of the neighbors complained to Mr. Hamilton, who examined the boy on Monday. One eye was almost closed, and his body was covered with stripes and bruises. The unnatural parents have been in the habit of abusing the child with wanton cruelty, the unmotherly mother being the worse of the two. The accused were held in $1,000 bail until Monday, and in the meantime the "hag is under the protecting ægis of the Illinois Humane Society.

An exceedingly heavy squall passed over this city and Lake Michigan at 2 o'clock Thursday morning. The gale blew from the south. In consequence several vessels came in yesterday more or less disabled. Of those that were disabled are the schooner Gipsey, which was leaking, and will have to go on the dry-dock; the Lily Parsons had her jibboom carried away; the tug A. D. Allen was compelled to let go the schooner Champion, which she was towing, for reason of being swamped. Several other vessels came in with damaged sails. As the wind was blowing from the south, it is feared that the vessels on the east shore of Lake Michigan had to bear the brunt of the gale, and it is expected that many accidents and disasters will be reported in the next four days. The schooner Bay State, which was ashore at Washington Island, near Green Bay, was brought in yesterday by the tug William H. Wood. She was in a very leaky condition, and there were two steam pumps on board of her.

Last Sunday evening, a female servant employed in the family of a prominent gentleman residing on West Washington street, went to Lincoln Park for a walk, and, as she afterward told some of her associates, made the acquaintance of a stranger young man while promenading through the park. On the following Tuesday evening she obtained permission from her mistress to attend the open-air concert at Union Park, and since that time she has not been seen by any of her friends. It is hardly probable that she went on a journey, as she was rather thinly clad, having neither cloak nor shawl on. It is more likely that she consented to meet the strange young man in Union Park, and was by him enticed to one of the many dens of the McLaughlin pattern which abound in the West Division. If she was led away, she was undoubtedly drugged and ruined, and is now ashamed to face her friends. We have been requested not to publish her name, or that of her employer, as she is very respectably connected in the country, and it might drive her to do some desperate deed. Only a few people are aware of her absence, and should this paragraph reach her eye it may induce her to return to her place, where she will meet with a welcome reception. The case has been given to the police, but they have so far failed to get any traces of her.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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Races at Dexter Park!

Saturday, Sept. 6, at 3 p. m.

Trotting, Mile Heats, 3 in 5, for a Stake of $400.

W. N. Hart enters s. g. Billy, in harness.
J. T. Rawleigh enters b. g. Bay Dan, in harness.
P. Goodman enters b. g. Peter Probity, in harness.
G. B. Coombs enters c. g. Tempest, in harness.
Geo. Morse enters b. g. Peavine, to wagon.

HOOLEY'S THEATRE.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Saturday Matinee, after months of careful preparation, will be presented Bronson Howard's beautiful Society Drama, illustrative of life in New York and Paris, entitled

LILIAN'S LAST LOVE,

Cast to the entire strength of the Company. Reappearance of Miss Ella O'Connor as Lillian Percy.

The production of "Lillian's Last Love" is the first occasion on which an original play by a prominent New York Dramatist has received its initial performances in any theatre outside of New York City.

This Drama has been gotten up with all that attention to detail which has made this Theatre so popular.

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This Evening and to-morrow Matinee will be produced the charming Comedy,

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Will personate his popular rendition of ALFRED EVELYN.

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OLD AXLES AND WROUGHT IRON SCRAP FOR SALE.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company, during the coming Fall and Winter, will have a large number of OLD AXLES and a considerable quantity of WROUGHT IRON SCRAP to dispose of.

They invite tenders for quantities of one hundred tons and upwards. The Company will commence delivery in October, and continue through the winter, as may be agreed upon.

Parties tendering to state the price per lb., whether in gold or United States currency, the place of delivery (which must be on the Grand Trunk Railway), and the quantity required.

Purchasers who require delivery in the United States will pay their own Customs duties. Cash will be required on delivery.

Axles and Scrap Iron must be tendered for separately.

Tenders, indorsed "Tender for Old Material," and addressed to the undersigned, will be received on or before Saturday, the 27th September.

C. J. BRYDGES,
Managing Director.

Montreal, 27th August, 1873.

MISCELLANEOUS

Assignee's or Trustee's Notice of Appointment.

In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois—In Bankruptcy. In the matter of Jacob L. Stone, Bankrupt.

To whom it may concern: The undersigned, Alfred Hadlock, hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the Estate of Jacob L. Stone, of Elgin, in the County of Kane, in said District; and also was, to wit, on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1873, adjudged bankrupt, upon the petition of himself, by District Court of said District.

Dated at Elgin, the 14th day of August, A. D. 1873.

A. HADLOCK, Assignee.

NOTICE.

There will be a special meeting of the members of the Third Unitarian Church and Society of Chicago, at the Church, corner of Monroe and Laflin-sts., Thursday evening, Sept. 11, 1873, at 8 o'clock, to take action relative to calling a Pastor. By order of Trustees.

J. R. CONGER, Secretary.

To Whom It May Concern.

We hereby forewarn all parties against using all bottles and boxes marked H. Pike & Co., H. P. & Co., or Rowe & Bryan.

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Harvard University,

1873-74.

Members of one department have a right to attend lectures and recitations in any other department of the University without paying additional fees; for example, Law students may attend any exercises they please in Harvard College, Medical students at the exercises of the Scientific School, etc.

The degrees of Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Science are open to Bachelors of other institutions.

The year begins in all departments on Thursday, Sept. 25, 1873. Examinations for admission to HARVARD COLLEGE, the LAWRENCE SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL, the MINING SCHOOL, and the BUSSEY INSTITUTION will begin on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 9 a.m. The examination for advanced standing in the MEDICAL SCHOOL takes place Sept. 23; for advanced standing in the LAW SCHOOL, Sept. 23.

The University Catalogue (including examination papers of 1871-72) may be obtained from CHARLES W. SEVER, Bookseller, Cambridge; price, 25 cents. Circulars describing the several departments may be obtained on application to JAMES W. HARRIS, Secretary, Cambridge, Mass.

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The Chicago Tribune.

Friday Morning, September 5, 1873.

Butler is behind Washburn, so far as shown by a preliminary canvass of the coming Republican Convention. The delegates now stand: for Washburn, 216; for Butler, 205; doubtful, 10.

The number of beggar children of New York City who were given a breath of pure country air by the picnics conducted by the New York *Tiens*, during the summer just closed, was 10,923.

A conference of the Anti-Polygamous Mormons is now meeting at Council Bluffs, Iowa. The conference is presided over by Joseph Smith, son of the first Mormon, and is attended by a large number of his sect.

County Conventions were held yesterday by the farmers of LaSalle and Tazewell Counties in this State. A full ticket was nominated by the former meeting and a date fixed by the latter for the nomination of officers.

News has been had from the Juniata expedition in search of the Polaris. On the 19th of July, Commander Braine was at Holsteinberg, Greenland. He sailed thence to Disco, and will go from there to Upper Navik. Up to the 10th of July nothing had been heard at Disco of the Polaris or her crew.

Col. John T. Harper, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Eighth District of this State, has resigned his position, leaving the accounts [illegible] at Springfield about $100,000 short of the office[illegible] No more precise information can be gained at present, as the Deputy Collector has carried all the papers and accounts of the office to Washington, and the unfortunate ex-Collector keeps himself out of sight. The Government is not likely to lose anything by the defalcation, as Col. Harper's bondsmen are good.

To-day France pays Germany the last franc of the war indemnity. Some popular celebration of this release would be natural enough to do demonstrative a people as France, but the Government has sternly prohibited any such outbreak. Yesterday was the anniversary of the establishment of the Republic, but its celebration was forbidden in France. The citizens of Louisville, Ky., honored the event by adopting resolutions commendatory of President Thiers' administration, which will be forwarded to him.

The farcical investigation of the Canada Pacific Railway scandal by the Royal Commission began yesterday. Mr. Huntington, who preferred the charges against the Government, was solemnly called upon to appear and testify, although it was well known that he was not, and did not mean to be, present. In the absence of his testimony, and that of the Opposition generally, the whole proceeding will be so one-sided as to deserve no public attention. Sir Francis Hincks deposed yesterday that there was never any agreement between the Government and Sir Hugh Allan or his friends by which the latter were to contribute to the election fund in consideration of receiving a charter. McMullen's statements on this point, he said, were pure fabrication.

The Committee of Three appointed by the State Board of Equalization to investigate the seeming discrepancy between the assessment returns of Cook County for 1872 and 1873 met in this city yesterday. One cause of the difference in the returns of acres and lots was explained by the officers of the Revenue Department of Cook County to be the accidental omission of some town returns which had been given to accountants to be added up. The State Board can easily rectify these omissions. Another cause of the apparent discrepancy was, that, since the assessment of 1872, a large number of acres had been cut up into lots, and of course disappeared from the returns. With regard to the corporations of the county, the Committee found that a large number of those on the Secretary of State's books were not in existence. The officers of some of the genuine companies will be examined to-day.

The Anti-Monopoly party in San Francisco has elected two Senators and twelve Representatives to the Legislature. The Republican and Democratic parties nominated their tickets and, as usual, both were controlled by the all-powerful railroad corporations. Whereupon the people organized a new party, nominated their own candidates, making the following declaration:

> The political events of the last month have established the fact to the satisfaction of all citizens not in the interest or under the control of the railroads, that the incorporated enemies of the people have obtained complete possession of the organization of both the political parties in this city, and that if an independent ticket is not nominated citizens will be obliged to vote for the partisans of the corruptionists, or be disfranchised. In view of this obvious condition of affairs, a great number of tax-payers and independent voters have turned to the People's Union for relief, and urgently request us to select from the great body of the people, regardless of party affiliations, a list of names to be voted for at the coming election as representatives of the people.

The candidates all pledged themselves that, if elected, they would act independently, and would "not be bound by any action of any political caucus." A like independent organization has been had in many counties of the State, and the success in San Francisco has [illegible] Ludwig Lanz, [illegible] bill to cancel grant and recovery proceedings, 8,428—Charles B. Steele and Charles [illegible]

is more than probable that there will be a majority in the Legislature opposed to the railroads and all other monopolies.

The Chicago produce markets were generally more active yesterday, and breadstuffs were stronger. Mess pork was in good demand, and steady at $15.85@15.90 cash, and $15.00@15.25 seller October. Lard was more active and steady at 7¾c per lb for winter, and 7¾@7¾c for summer rendered. Meats were dull and unchanged at 7¾@7¾c for shoulders, 8¾@9c for short ribs, 9@9½c for short clear, and 9¾@11¾c for sweet pickled hams. Highwines were active and 5c lower, closing at 94¾@96c per gallon. Lake freights were active and steady at 14c for wheat to Buffalo. Flour was in better demand and firm. Wheat was active and advanced 2@3¼c, closing at $1.18 cash, $1.15¾ seller the month, and $1.14¼ seller October. Corn was less active and ¼@¾c higher, closing at 41¾c cash, and 42¾c seller October. Oats were quiet and ¾c higher, closing at 28¾c cash, and 28¾c seller October. Rye was quiet and ½c higher, at 68c. Barley was more active and 5@10c lower, closing at $1.25 for No. 2, and 90c for No. 3. Hogs were steady. There was a good demand at $4.35@4.85. The cattle market was quiet and unchanged. Sheep were steady at $3.00@4.50.

TAXING CORPORATIONS.

One of the many grievances which are presented to the State Board of Equalization is, that the tax-list of corporate property in this city is not large enough to pay the whole expense of the State Government, besides paying the railroad-aid debts of other cities, towns, and counties. We have already illustrated the mode by which double taxation is resorted to, and now state another instance. The revenue law of the State of Illinois is, perhaps, the most abominable statute that was ever enacted in any civilized government. In actual length, it exceeds the entire revenue laws of the United States, both tariff and internal. In detail it reminds one of the machinery of the Inquisition, with its questions and thumb-screws. Founded on the idea that the possession of money and its investment in bonds, notes, or other securities is a crime, tolerated by society but nevertheless a great evil to be punished, the law proceeds to hunt it down, and to confiscate as much of it as is possible under the form of taxation. If a man purchase a horse for $100 and gives his note therefor, the law requires that both the horse and the note be taxed, under the theory that by giving the note the property had been increased from one hundred to two hundred dollars. The point sought is to reach the "bloated capitalists" who hold securities. The same thing is done in the case of mortgages,—the mortgage as well as the property mortgaged is taxed upon the assumption that both are "property," and not that one is a mere evidence of a claim on the thing mortgaged. The wisdom of the State of Illinois refused to see any double taxation in all this. The present difficulty is with respect to corporations which have omitted or refused to report their property for taxation in more than one form. The exact controversy may be best illustrated: A and B, of Chicago, have invested $100,000 cash in a manufacturing business, and have put their capital in the form of real estate, buildings, machinery, tools, and materials. The Assessor has listed all their real and personal property, like that of all other individuals, at $45,000, and Messrs. A and B are taxed on that amount, and the law is complied with. But C, D, E, F, and G, for the better convenience of doing business where the respective shares are unequal, form themselves into a company under the general law to carry on the same business, with the same capital as Messrs. A and B. They invest their money in real estate, machinery, buildings, and tools. They make the same annual profit that Messrs. A and B do,—25 per cent. Their capital is represented by stock, which, at that rate of profit, will be worth $150 per share of $100. The revenue law of the State taxes this corporation on its capital stock of $100,000, and also on the premium value of the stock, $50,000, and, deducting the returned value of the tangible property of $45,000, demands of them taxes on the remainder of $105,000. Across the street, the other firm, whose property, business, and profits are precisely the same, are taxed only $45,000. The only difference between the two concerns is, one is a private firm of two or more persons, and the other a private corporation of two or more persons, the act of incorporation giving to the latter no rights or privileges not possessed by the other firm. The corporations of Chicago, in making their returns to the Assessors, have reported in one of two ways: 1. The amount of their capital stock at its par value; or, 2, pointed out to the Assessor their real and personal property, and left him to value it, as he values like property owned by other persons. The Assessors have returned, in all cases, the value of the real and personal property, with such other returns as the corporations have made to them. The fact is, the law has overreached itself. In trying to tax capital two or three times, it has has failed, and now there is an uproar. The assessment for Cook County has been increased by the Assessors from $94,642,219, out of an aggregate for the State of $508,875,848 in 1872, to $144,145,665, out of a total of $1,186,120,684 in 1873. There are some $14,000,000 of county, town, and city debts, contracted through the State in aid of railroads; these debts have to be paid out of the State taxes collected on the increase of the assessments over that of the year 1868. Of course, the grand point was to get such an increase of assessment in Cook County as would enable these other counties to transfer the great bulk of the State tax here, leaving them to apply their share of that tax to their local debts. The whole aim of the increase of the assessment over that of 1872 was to catch Cook County. The machinery of the revenue law has been resorted to, but has failed. It is now demanded that the Board of Equalization shall arbitrarily assume to tax the property of all corporations in Chicago upon the excess of the value of their stock over its par value, and thereby increase, it is assumed, the assessment for this county another hundred millions of dollars. The fact is, that for ten years the property in this city has been assessed for State purposes far in excess of the proportionate value of the rest of the property in the State. As soon as an increase in the assessment was made, and a nearer approach made to actual values, the share of this county in the aggregate fell off, and now consternation prevails among those whose taxes have been paid by this county so long.

The Board of Equalization have a plain duty before them. That duty is to return to the assessment of 1873; add to that a reasonable per-[illegible] twenty millions of dollars, and [illegible] assessment of 1873, and then adjourn. If they embark in the business of finding out the precise value of fluctuating stocks, at a certain hour on a certain day many months ago, and attempt to tax the speculative values of intangible credits, they will have a job that will occupy their time for the next year. The whole scheme of raising the assessment is a job to raise the value of railroad-aid bonds, and to give Boards of Supervisors the power to create more debts, and raise more money by local taxation for current expenditure.

FORWARD-PAY AND REPEAL OF THE GRAB

There is a prevailing impression that, even if Congress shall repeal the salary-grab, the members of the present Congress, who are drawing their monthly pay of $625, cannot be required to refund that portion of the increased pay which shall have accrued prior to the time that Congress meets. This is an error. Members of Congress are paid so much per year; their compensation was $5,000 per year before the recent increase, and is now $7,500. If the next Congress shall reduce Congressional salaries to $5,000 a year, the reduction will apply to the Forty-third Congress which will then be in session. The drawing of $7,500 by any member of that Congress will then be unlawful. The members of the Forty-second Congress, which increased the pay, applied the increase to the two years back of their retirement. A law decreasing the pay at the very beginning of a new Congress cannot fail to apply to the term for which members are to serve. If it be said that the members will already have drawn three-quarters of their pay for the year, and cannot be forced to return it, this is merely a misconception. Congressmen are paid by the year, and drawing a certain proportion of the money by the month is simply a form of payment, by which a certain amount is charged against them on their year's salary. Up to the time when Congress meets, each member will have drawn $5,625. If the compensation is permitted to remain what it is now, there will still be $1,875 owing to every Congressman on the year's pay. If, however, the compensation is reduced to $5,000 a year, each Congressman will have overdrawn his account when Congress meets by $625, which must be deducted from his pay for the next year, if he does not voluntarily return the surplus into the Treasury. A Congressman will then be in the condition of a bookkeeper, a bank-clerk, or any other employe who has overdrawn his account. The Government would have a good ground for action to recover the surplus, if this were necessary. But as the Congressmen are to serve another year, the deduction can be made from future pay. If Congressmen were a class of people who had been hard at work for several months on a contract that they should receive $625 per month, this course would appear unjust. Such is not the case. All the members of the Forty-third Congress were elected at a time when the Congressional pay was $5,000 a year; so far they have drawn their monthly pay at the rate of $7,500 a year without doing the public any service; and a reduction in the pay of Congressmen at the beginning of the Forty-third Congress would naturally apply to the members of the Forty-third Congress. The total amount of Congressional pay which will have been drawn out of the Treasury before Congress convenes is $2,150,000; the amount of pay for the year, at the present rate would be about $2,800,000; there will, consequently, be about $650,000 balance in the Treasury, which can be held against overdrawn accounts, and the sum due the Government over and above this can be deducted from the pay of the following year. If it were necessary to extract the excess of pay from Congressmen's pockets, it would undoubtedly be hard pulling; but it will readily be seen that this process is entirely unnecessary.

CONGRESS AND THE STATE DEBTS.

THE TRIBUNE has exposed, on several occasions, the project likely to be brought before the next Congress for a guarantee by the National Government of the debts of the Southern States. The effrontery of the proposition is typical of the corrupt condition of American politics at the present time. Had there been no Credit Mobilier steal, no Secor or Chorpenning claims, no land-grabs and steamship subsidies, no Fort Snelling swindle, and no salary-grab, it is safe to say that no man in America, with anything in the way of a reputation to lose, would have dared to suggest so outrageous a scheme. In the present condition of things, the suggestion is immediately followed by active co-operation in certain quarters; a lobby is organized with money and influence to back it; the Eastern capitalists who are interested in the fraudulent and worthless bonds are ready to advance it; the Southern papers openly advocate it; and respectable people are possessed of the fear that it will be carried out. All this is a sorry comment on the prevailing morality of our public service. It means that the Government is in the hands of men whom we dare not trust. The first mention of a job, so infamous and gigantic that it ought to sink under its own weight, demands constant watchfulness and vigorous protest.

This scheme for giving a national guarantee to the debts of the Southern States, that they shall be paid within twenty years, is something more than a projected robbery of the people to the amount of $200,000,000, with the interest thereon. No sane man, familiar with the bankrupt and helpless condition of the Southern people, doubts that a national guarantee of their State debts would result in the final payment by the General Government. If the debts of the Southern States shall be paid in this way, there are better reasons why the debts of the Northern States should be liquidated in the same manner. On the one hand, there are debts accumulated by political speculators, representing an amount of money of from 10 to 50 per cent only of the face of the bonds, mourned for the benefit of professional plunderers and thieves, and largely consisting of bonds that are fraudulently issued and worthless from the beginning. On the other hand, the debts of the Northern States represent money actually advanced and honestly expended, incurred for the development of the best interests in the various States and those of the whole country; largely devoted, in some cases, to the payment of expenses arising from the prosecution of the war for the preservation of the Union. If the General Government shall assume the payment of the debts of the Southern States, the justice of a similar demand on the part of the Northern States will be readily recognized. The precedent once established, where would the practice end? The direct result would be to encourage frauds in the Northern States like those which have produced the enormous debts of the Southern States. All the [illegible] realities [illegible] has paper were located

iniquities of the carpet-bag rule at the South would be repeated at the North. Local, county, and municipal debts would be merged into the State debts for subsequent payment by the people at large. This may seem improbable enough at the present time, but it is nothing else than the logical results of the proposed guarantee.

There is another phase of the project, in addition to the objections which have been presented heretofore, that ought to attract the attention of all classes interested in the honorable payment of the Public Debt. The national guarantee of the Southern States' debts would be a step in the direction of national repudiation. To increase the national indebtedness in a fraudulent manner by the addition of $200,000,000 of bonds, a large proportion of which are of fraudulent issue, would be to diminish the sense of obligation on the part of the people to pay off the Public Debt. The whole of the national indebtedness would then be tainted with fraud. The proposition made by the Democrats some years since, and once advocated by Gen. Butler, to pay off the National Debt in greenbacks, is patriotic and virtuous by comparison. It is safe to say that United States bonds would depreciate 10 per cent the very moment the Government should give this proposed guarantee. The sum of $200,000,000, with interest on it for twenty years, could not be added to the Public Debt in this manner without affecting public confidence all over the world in American Government securities. The process of unloading would soon commence everywhere, and the depreciation that would result would be sufficient to cause the most serious disturbance in our financial condition. A general loss of confidence in securities and a serious depreciation of their values, are always in the direction of "compromise" or repudiation. The capitalists at the East have become seriously agitated at the threatened repudiation by certain of the Southern States of that proportion of their bonds which have been fraudulently issued. It is this which has mainly suggested the movement for a national guarantee. They had better stop long enough to consider which is the more dangerous,—the repudiation by certain States of bogus indebtedness, or the serious depreciation and probably repudiation of *bona fide* national securities, which might result from the desired guarantee.

CHICAGO TO PHILADELPHIA.

There seems to be considerable surprise manifested in Philadelphia that Chicago has thus far exhibited no interest in the Centennial Exhibition, and has contributed no money towards its expenses. If the managers of the Centennial were in Chicago, they would probably ascertain the reason without much difficulty. Chicago, just at present, has so much to do for herself that she cannot find time to look after her neighbors' interests, however well disposed she may be. In the first place, we have got our own Exposition to look after, which opens Sept. 25, about three weeks from now, and we have got an immense amount of work to do and very little time to do it in. The building has yet to be finished and all the goods have to be placed in it and arranged, power set up, a fine-art gallery to be arranged, etc., in three weeks. In addition to this, many of our streets are being repaved; our merchants are preparing to go into winter quarters in good shape for the first time since the fire; the political pot is boiling at a fearful rate, and it will certainly slop over and all the fat will be in the fire if it is left, even for a minute; the business of taxation is very worrisome, one part of the people trying to explain it and the other part to understand it; the railroad question is distracting everybody, and the Boards of Equalization and of Railroad Commissioners are grinding out acres of figures and miles of computations; all the women folks are away, and writing letters home which are dreadfully suggestive of inroads upon the masculine purses this fall and winter; we are preparing several thousand acres of land for parks; we are trying to find a place for our Public Library; we are building new buildings on every street, and every man has all he can do from morning till night, and no man finds the day long enough for the day's work. In a word, we have just got our house rebuilt, which was burned two years ago, and we are now trying to furnish it, and get it into comfortable living order. The Philadelphia Centennial does not come off for three years yet, so that there is ample time, and no occasion for the Centennial managers to fret or worry. As soon as Chicago can get a breathing spell, she will be ready to do something, and will do her part handsomely. The staid and conservative Philadelphians should remember that we do things here in a hurry, and require but very little time. Between now and the time of the Centennial, Chicago has got work enough on hand to amount to a thousand Centennials. Don't bother us, therefore, just at present. Your favor is received and contents noted, and we will remit in due time.

The cholera having broken out in Stanford, Ky., the citizens of that town have formed an association for mutual aid and protection,—an action which should be imitated in all small towns where the disease makes its appearance. The object is to afford prompt relief and assistance by advice, physical labor, or pecuniary aid in order to check the progress of the disease. The President of the Association is to remain in his office, or depute some one to stay there, all the time, and he or his deputy is authorized to summon the members by fifteen strokes of the Court-House bell. The cholera in villages and small towns is much more malignant in its work than in larger cities, in proportion to the population; and the absence of good facilities for carrying off the poison and checking the disease are so contracted that only by prompt and mutual assistance after this manner can the disease be controlled.

The death is announced of Prof. Gottfried Schweizer, the Director of the Observatory of Moscow. He was born in Switzerland in 1816. His first recorded observations were of the August and November meteors, in 1839. In 1840 he settled in Russia, and in 1857 was appointed Director of the Observatory at Moscow, which post he filled until the time of his death. His principal claim to fame as an astronomer rests upon the first discovery of three comets, and his observations upon the eclipse of the sun last May.

NOTES AND OPINION.

Yesterday, being Sept. 4, was Congressional pay-day, under the salary act of March 3, and checks of $625 each were distributed among 376 Senators, Representatives, and Delegates-elect, at their homes, or reserved till called for in the few cases of vacancies and contested elections. The cost to the Treasury, since March 4, for a Congress not in session, and not to assemble until December, has been, to this date, $1,410,000; and to December, when Congress meets, it will be, $2,115,000. Has this money been "put where it will do the most good?"

—The salary account of our Chicago Congressmen-elect, March 4 to Sept. 4, stands thus: John B. Rice, six months' pay, $3,750; Jasper D. Ward, six months' pay, $3,750; Charles B. Farwell, six months' pay, $3,750. When it was announced, the other day, that there was one (and only one) refusal among Congressmen-elect, we were just about to indulge a hope—when word came that the Congressman lives in Dayton, Ohio.

—The office-monopoly party managers, in California, were pleased to call the People's Movement "Dolly Vardens," just as, in Iowa, the men in the Movement are called "Potato-Bugs."

—In San Francisco the rival candidates for Mayor (election Sept. 3), were James Otis and James M. McDonald, who were thus spoken of in the *Chronicle* of Aug. 29:

> Mr. Otis is opposed to Chinese immigration, never employs Chinese, and has often freely and openly expressed these sentiments. Mr. McDonald is the friend of Chinese, and has employed them in this State and Nevada in large numbers.

—The Jefferson (Wis.) *Banner* says of the platform adopted in Republican State Convention at Madison, last week:

> The Republican platforms of the past few years have been full with earnest promises to the people, and high resolves to eradicate all sorts of corruption. But each triumph of that party has been followed by an increase of fraud and corruption, until it has become exceedingly difficult for even the most ardent member of the party to put any faith in its promises. We hope, however, for the best, and if we must again be beaten in this State, we earnestly pray that the Republican party will set itself at work energetically to accomplish some, at least of the reforms it is so good as to promise us.

—The St. Paul *Pioneer* declares itself pure and undefiled in Democracy, "under all circumstances a Democratic newspaper, following the party through good and through evil report," and much more to the same effect.

—The Des Moines *Republican*, founded as a Harlan organ, mildly advises Messrs. Harlan, Wright, and others to refund their shares in the salary-grab, saying:

> We trust the gentlemen above referred to will place their final action upon the back-pay above question or cavil in the minds of the public, before they come to address the people upon the questions of the day under the auspices of the Republican party of Iowa, which has, perhaps harshly, declared that the increase of salary was a "back-pay steal."

—Minister Washburne writes from Paris that he never wrote, as quoted, that the people don't send their Representatives to Washington to act like Princes, buck the tiger, and keep a half-dozen mistresses. If he did not say it he might have done so, for it is true.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

—The salary-grab will never be repealed unless the people elect men to Congress under solemn pledge to do so. The law was made by Butler in order to bribe Congressmen before they take their seats. They go there with thousands of the grab-money in their pockets, and is it to be expected that a Republican will vote money out of his pocket? It could hardly be expected even of a Democrat. The Congress is overwhelmingly Republican, and Radical policy is to steal all you can.—*Burlington (Iowa) Gazette.*

—The thieves and their abettors and indorsers don't like to hear about back-pay. He makes them froth at the mouth. The man, or paper, that defends the back-pay grab is just such a fellow as would be apt to harbor and defend any other thief.—*Fond du Lac (Wis.) Commonwealth.*

—Some members of Congress have put in their plea of previous good character, and asked if this counted for nothing. In this case it does not count. Men of the brightest prospects and the highest reputation have been destroyed by this performance. They have gone down suddenly and irretrievably, and we do not believe they could to-day be elected to any office in the gift of the people * * This is the feeling against the salary-grabbers in Congress. Before the end comes it will also probably be the feeling against Grant, the greatest salary-grabber of all, who approved the bill, as it contained a clause increasing his own salary.—*Dubuque Herald.*

—The head of the Republican organization is Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States. The indictment against him, as presented by a Republican salary-grabber, in a response to his constituents, is in these words: "If the delegates believe the retroactive salary-clause is so infamous that I ought to resign for voting for the Appropriation bill to which it was attached, will they follow out their logic and insist that the President ought to resign for signing it? My vote did not make it a law. His signature did." The whole power of the Administration is now being employed to make the champion salary-grabber, and chief counselor of the Credit Mobilier contractors, Governor of Massachusetts.—*Albany Argus.*

—Ben Butler, who stands the best chance to be elected Governor of the Republican State of Massachusetts, is making a most vigorous defense of the salary-grab. The Republicans denounce it in State Conventions, but they stand steadily by the leaders in it, who were no others than Ben Butler and Gen. Grant. Not a word is said by them against the latter, although he pocketed $100,000 for giving Congressmen $1,000,000 of the "swag."—*Joliet (Ill.) Signal.*

—Back-pay is not popular, even with Pennsylvania Democrats. It is one of the most remarkable and refreshing signs of the times to see men of both parties, in one State after another, rising indignantly to denounce and drive from office men who have abused their trust. The best evidence of the sincerity of this movement for reform is the fact that honest men in each party pay particular attention to their own party representatives who have proved unworthy.—*St. Louis Democrat.*

—U. S. Grant was the real proprietor, author, and finisher of the salary-grab, with Gen. Butler as his chief henchman. Do Republican conventions anywhere, do Republican journals, anywhere, has the St. Louis *Democrat* ever, "denounced" any attempt to "drive from office" the man Grant for this abuse of a high trust?—*Omaha Herald.*

—What is to become of the salary-grabbing Congressmen? . . . Any political party that harbors a salary-thief is in danger. They cannot appear as stump speakers, or as political advisers. Their race is run, and it ought to be. If a man wants to go down to quick political perdition, let him emblazon on his shield "I stand for increased salary."—*Adrian (Mich.) Press.*

—In farm-produce, it cost the people of this district the worth of about 190 bushels of corn to compensate Mr. Gerry W. Hazleton for one day's service in Congress; in oats, 300 bushels per day; in wheat, 75 bushels per day; in potatoes, 150 bushels.—*Madison (Wis.) Democrat.*

—The *Illinois State Journal* desires to know if the *Register* thinks "that Messrs. Morrison, Marshall, Knapp & Company" should refund the increased Congressional pay to the Treasury of the United States? Of course we do. This increased Congressional salary-business was conceived in fraud and brought forth in robbery, and, as we believe the whole thing to be an infamy that will stink long after the present members of Congress are dead and gone, its taint will mark every man who touches it.—*Illinois State Register.*

—What is the *Hawk-Eye* going to do about those members of Congress of the State who are now drawing $625 a month, and have been since last 4th day of March, and have not yet been sworn in as members of Congress? We now have eleven men in this State, all pocketing five months in the State, except Allison, who is in Europe. They have been under pay since March 4, and, on the 4th day of September, will have drawn six months' pay each, or $3,750 each, aggregating to Iowa $41,250.—*Burlington (Iowa) Gazette.*

—I care so little about parties and elections that, if this is to be the style of legislation, I am willing to assist at the digging and the funeral; and I don't care what party comes after it. We can't have anything worse, in my opinion, than the party which begins, six months after the most ardent professions of economy, to raise our own salaries, so that we may put in our pockets $6,000 not dreamed about until two or three weeks ago.—*Joseph R. Hawley, in Congress, Feb. 24.*

—The disruption of the Democratic party would be deplored by Republicans; it has long ceased to be dangerous as a national party, but kept up such a front of opposition as served to beguile the people into the belief of two national parties, and also to keep more formidable competitors from the field.—*Fond du Lac Commonwealth.*

—The question of the hour is not the protection of the black race, but the protection of the laborer. Nor can the Democratic party gain anything from the Farmers' Movement, and Democratic politicians had just as well lie low. The farmers won't recognize that old party any more than last year's almanac. Senator Morton says: "The Farmers' Movement is to be used as a wedge to split the Republican party open, and when that is done the pari split off can be turned over for the benefit of free-trade and Democratic issues generally." Will be turned over! Who will do that little job? No, gentlemen politicians; you may fight over the farmers, and each side endeavor to pocket them as you have been doing, but you will find at last that the farmers are going to act for themselves, and it will not be so easy to "turn them over" as you may think.—*The Iowa Granger.*

LAW FOR BANYON.

Gen. Stiles Points Out Authority for Imprisoning Vagrants.

How the Presiding Magistrate of the South Side May Make Himself as Useful as 100 Policemen.

Some time since, THE TRIBUNE mentioned the fact that Judge Scully had, instead of fining vagrants, as has been the custom, sentenced two or three of them to the Bridewell—a much more effectual punishment. Several of those meanest of all rascals, bunko roppers, have been recently arrested on Madison and Clark streets, and taken before Judge Banyon, and been proven vagrants and fined. But this has availed nothing. They have loafed about and pursued their nefarious calling just as boldly as ever. Wednesday the police made another "pull," and on Thursday morning they were to be tried. Now, although Judge Scully has, after careful study, come to the conclusion that he can imprison persons guilty of breaking a city ordinance, Judge Banyon has not taken in the new gospel truth. To show the law up in a clear light, so that the Judge could distinctly see it, Gen. Stiles went to the Police Court yesterday morning, and when the case of Ed. Burns came up, an opportunity was offered him. Several officers testified that Burns was a well-known confidence man, pimp, and general blackleg. Then the General proceeded to enlighten. He spoke of Burns' well-known character, and of the farce of fining him or any other such fellow, and that the only punishment that can be inflicted to be felt is imprisonment. He had heard that Judge Banyon did not think he was authorized to imprison a person for misdemeanors coming under his jurisdiction, but he would prove conclusively that he was so authorized to do. There are three questions that present themselves: First, Is there authority under the ordinances passed by the Common Council for imposing imprisonment as a penalty for violating the city ordinances? Second, Is there authority under the city charter for the Common Council to pass such an ordinance? and, third, Does the Constitution of the State of Illinois permit the charter of the city to authorize the Council to pass such an ordinance? In 1865 such an ordinance was passed, and declared by Judge McAllister to be unconstitutional, because that ordinance was passed under the State Constitution of 1848, which says, in Bill of Rights, Sec. 10: "No person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense unless on the presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases of impeachment, or in cases cognizable by Justices of the Peace, or arising in the army or navy, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; *provided*, That Justices of the Peace shall try no person except as a court of inquiry, for any offense punishable with imprisonment or death, or fine above $100." On the strength of this, many take it for granted that the Police Justices have no power to inflict as a penalty imprisonment. But under the Constitution of 1870 it says (in place of Sec. 10 just quoted in the old Constitution) in the Bill of Rights, Sec. 8: "No person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense unless on an indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases in which the punishment is by fines *or imprisonment otherwise than in the penitentiary*, in cases of impeachment, and in cases arising in the army and navy, or in the militia when in actual service in time of war or public danger; *provided*, that the Grand Jury may be abolished by law in such cases." Now, express provisions here made for Police Justices exercising as a penalty imprisonment. Since the new Constitution, the new city charter has also been adopted, and the question should be tested by that and not by the Constitution of 1848. In the general powers of the Common Council, as defined in the city charter, we find in Sec. 63: "The Common Council shall have power within the jurisdiction of the city by ordinance to authorize the arrest, fine, and *imprisonment* in the Bridewell or House of Correction as vagrants, all persons," etc. (going on to define who vagrants are). And again, in Sec. 64: "The Common Council shall have power to make, publish, ordain, amend, and repeal all such ordinances, by-laws, and police regulations, not contrary to the Constitution of this State, for the good government and order of the city," etc. "The Common Council may also enforce such rules, ordinances, by-laws, and police and other regulations, as aforesaid, by punishment of fine or *imprisonment in the County Jail, Bridewell, or House of Correction*, or both, in the discretion of the Magistrate or Court before which conviction may be had; *Provided*, such fine shall not exceed $500 nor the imprisonment six months." In Tuley's Compilation of the Laws and Ordinances of the City of Chicago, Chapter 38, Sec. 8, we find (after defining who vagrants are): "That such persons shall be deemed vagrants, and, upon conviction, shall be fined in a sum not less than $2 nor exceeding $100, or imprisonment in the House of Correction for a term not exceeding three months, or both. In Gross' Compilation of the Statutes of Illinois, vol. 2, page 338, we find: "Justices of the Peace shall have jurisdiction in all cases for the violation of the ordinances of cities, towns, and villages." Now we have the duties of a Police Justice defined, i. e., to enforce the city's ordinances. We have the ordinance passed by the City Council under the new city charter, which latter has been adopted since the Constitution of 1870. The ordinance above quoted says that imprisonment is a penalty for vagrancy. Judge Banyon, not wishing to decide upon so important a question immediately, held the case under consideration for one week. It will evidently be a triumph of justice if this fact in law shall become established, and then we will see far fewer vagabonds about our streets. Superintendent Washburn says if Banyon recognizes the law, it will be worth more to the city than 100 policemen.

STOLEN AND RECOVERED.

Seven Thousand Dollars' Worth of Household Goods Stolen—Two Armory Detectives Recover the Property and Capture the Thieves.

For some time the French Consul in this city, M. Carrey, and Mr. Nixon, business manager of a morning paper, have had stored in a house at the corner of Michigan avenue and Congress street a large amount of household goods valued at six or seven thousand dollars. No constant watch was set over the property, its owners being satisfied of its safety by inspecting it day by day, as they happened near it. It has proved a fine bait for thieves, being not very securely locked up, and located in a house otherwise unoccupied, and, since the Tremont House ceased to be, in a locality distantly removed from publicity.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, M. Carrey was astonished at the discovery that the place had been broken into and the property all carried away. A vacant room and empty drawers and closets only met his gaze. The job was a clean one, and must have been executed on Tuesday night. Access was gained by taking out a light of glass from a front door, and opening the entrance door from the inside.

The robbery was reported in person by M. Carrey at the Armory Station, on Wednesday evening. Detectives Slayton and Gallagher were detailed to work up the case. Most of yesterday morning was spent by them in the pawn-shops, where the most important clues are obtained to stolen property. The search was prosecuted without success, until the shop of Worthammer, No. 396 State street, was visited yesterday afternoon. There they were informed by the proprietor that two men had called upon him and said they wished to dispose of a quantity of goods. Worthammer made an appointment with them for 2 o'clock, which was conscientiously kept by the detectives. Precisely at that hour two men drove up to the shop in an express wagon containing a large number of books. The men were at once taken into custody. They offered no resistance, but were evidently completely taken by surprise, having had faith that the pawnbroker would not "give them up."

The men were taken to the Armory Station, where they said their names were James Washaw and Joseph Gramp, after much cross-questioning on the part of the detectives, they succeeded in worming from the thieves the important information that the rest of the property could be found at No. 131 Benker street and No. 9 Burlington street. A thorough search was made of these houses, which resulted in the finding of the rest of the goods, consisting in the main of silver-ware, wearing apparel, and a bronze clock valued at $75. The total value of the property recovered is not far from $7,000.

The thieves are evidently not the shrewdest in the city, but are a dangerous brace, being ready to shed blood to effect their purposes.

The property will all be returned to its owners to-day, when the thieves will have an examination. Other arrests were made at the houses where the goods were found, but the names of the parties arrested have not been given. The detectives who did the job are two uncelebrated persons, who do their work thoroughly and make no bones of it. They are constantly meeting high praise, and in this case it was only by their diligence and energy that the property was recovered and its purloiners arrested.

CITY-RAILWAY MATTERS.

Can the Street-Cars Be Taxed for Revenue?

The Question Debated Before the Council Committee on Railroads.

The Council Committee on Railroads—Aldermen Woodman, Sidwell, Sweet, Dixon and Quirk,—was in session yesterday afternoon, and considered a petition of the Chicago Plate and Bar Mill Company for an extension of time, from Aug. 31 to operate their railway track on Thirty-first street, and resolved to report in favor of extending the time five years.

The communication from Luke Norton in reference to H. B. Bogue and the Chicago & Pacific Railway Company, handed to the Committee July 14, will be recommended to be placed on file.

An informal, short, but lively, discussion was had on the subject of the Illinois Central sidetracks on the Lake front, with a final determination to get some one to introduce a resolution in the Council ordering them taken up.

Ald Tracey's resolutions, directing the Council to prepare an ordinance compelling railway companies to pay license on street cars, referred in the Committee June 30, was taken up and discussed. It had been the intention of the Committee to hear the opinion of Corporation Counsel Tuley on the legal points presented in the matter, but pending his return to the city Mr. Bradley, President of the West Side Company, Mr. Hennessy, of the South, and Mr. Turner, of the North Side Company, were introduced to the Committee. It was thought best to defer final consideration of the question on account of Mr. Tuley's absence.

Mr. Bradley was invited by Ald. Woodman to give his views on the subject, which he did as follows: "Mr. Hennessy has already stated to you" (which Mr. Hennessy had not done in the meeting), "that we don't want to raise the legal question for discussion until Mr. Tuley is present. Mr. Tuley has told me, that he had no idea in the world that the city had authority to license our cars for revenue. He told me, a year or two ago, that there might be a question whether the city could not license the cars as a police regulation—a simply nominal tax. Judge Curtis has delivered an opinion on that same point to the same effect. It is the view the courts take of the matter. I don't think the city could enforce

FOREIGN.

France Pays the Last Installment of the German Indemnity To-Day.

Thiers Will Devote the Rest of His Life to Establishing the Republic.

Socialists Sentenced to Death in Valentia---Other Socialist Outbreaks Feared.

The Immediate Sale Decreed of the Estates of Cuban Insurgents.

A War Vessel of 3,000 Tons Built by the Chinese.

FRANCE.

PARIS, Sept. 4.—The last installment of the French war indemnity will be paid to Germany to-morrow.

It is officially announced that the Duke of Harcourt will take the French mission to Austria, and the Duke Decazes the mission to England.

PARIS, Sept. 4.—There were no demonstrations to-day, the anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic. Up to this hour the city has remained perfectly quiet. Every precaution has been taken to prevent disturbances during the evening.

A party of Germans from Strasbourg were attacked yesterday by an infuriated mob at Luneville. They took to flight, were pursued and several were injured by the rioters.

LUCERNE, Sept. 4.—M. Thiers, who is now sojourning here, was called upon yesterday by the French residents of Lucerne, and, in response to their greetings, addressed them at some length. He said he had devoted his life to the establishment of liberty in France. He had endeavored to establish it under a monarchy, but had not succeeded, and he had come to the conclusion that the one excludes the other. He had, therefore, become a Republican, and was resolved to devote the remainder of his life to furthering the permanent establishment of a republican form of government in France.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Sept. 4.—The authorities of Carreres and Eliza fear a socialistic outbreak, and have made a demand upon the central Government for reinforcements.

VILLASON, commander of the artillery in the Republican force that is besieging Cartagena, has tendered his resignation, alleging that the means placed at his disposal are not sufficient to enable him to maintain himself against the guns of the insurgents.

MADRID, Sept. 4.—It is announced upon authority, that there are about 40,000 Carlists under arms in Spain. They are arranging to establish a cannon foundry near Tortosa, in Tarragona.

VALENCIA, Sept. 4.—Three Socialists have been sentenced to death by the Tribunal of Justice in this city.

MADRID, Sept. 4.—The Cortes is engaged in the consideration of a motion authorizing military executions without the approval of sentences by the Cortes. An amendment providing that all cases in which the penalty is death shall be referred to the Cortes was rejected by a vote of 82 yeas to 88 nays. The matter has been made a Cabinet question. If the original motion is adopted, President Salmeron and his Cabinet will resign, and Senor Castelar will be called upon to form a new ministry.

GIBRALTER, Sept. 4.—The Spanish iron-clads Vitoria and Almunsa have arrived here.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Rear-Admiral Jenkins, commanding the Asiatic fleet, writes from Nagasaki, July 29, informing the Navy Department that he arrived there in the Hartford on the 21st of July, from Shanghai, where he had entertained a number of Chinese boys who were coming to the United States to be educated.

The Admiral visited the Chinese arsenal and the dock-yard above Shanghai, where he found that a vessel of war of 3,000 tons burden had been constructed, and was waiting her armament of rifled-guns, which had been ordered in Germany.

The Fourth of July was celebrated by all the American vessels, English and other ships of war and merchant ships of various nations joined.

WEST INDIES.

HAVANA, Sept. 4.—Capt.-Gen. Pieltain has published to-day a decree ordering the immediate institution of proceedings for the public sale of all estates, properties, and effects taken possession of by the Administration, and being the property of the State in consequence of the former owners' participation in insurrection.

HAVANA, Sept. 4.—A decree has been issued that on and after October 1, one-half of the duties on articles of luxury imported must be paid in gold.

WASHINGTON.

THAT BACK PAY BUSINESS ONCE MORE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 4.—General Spinner is alone in his opinion among Treasury officials, that the Treasury cannot receive returned back-pay without additional legislation. The First Comptroller of the Treasury, Mr. Taylor, who is the chief judicial authority upon such questions in the Department, entirely differs from Gen. Spinner's theory, and maintains that the right of the United States to accept the gift, if it be so called, is unqualified. There is no doubt, however, that the back-pay can be converted into the Treasury as an unexpended appropriation, for it is beyond all controversy a perpetual debt against the Government unless returned as a gift.

STEAMBOAT INVESTIGATION.

The Commission appointed to inquire into the cause of the explosion of steamboat boilers will meet here Sept. 10. The Board consists of the Supervising Inspector General of Steamboats, Gen. D. D. Smith, Chairmun; Charles W. Copeland, Supervising Inspector at New York; Benjamin Crawford, Supervising Inspector at Pittsburgh, and Isaac V. Holmes, Supervising Inspector at Mobile, Ala. The Board have invited the following gentlemen to attend the meeting as experts: Addison Lowe, Inspector, New York; James Menshaw, Baltimore, and John Devenny, of Pittsburgh. Directly after this meeting the Commission will proceed to Sandy Hook to make a practical test of the experiment.

POSTAL CARD CONTRACTORS ALARMED.

The Morgan Envelop Company have become alarmed about their postal card contract, and are expected to arrive here to-morrow to hold an interview with the Postmaster-General in that behalf.

THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CROW INDIANS.

The Interior Department has been compelled to make an official explanation with regard to the recent transactions with the Crow Indians—that it is not a treaty, and does not violate the act forbidding treaties with Indians. It is believed by those who know best that this explanation is a skillful expedient to evade the law, and in all its essential particulars the agreement is a treaty, and is so regarded by the Crows.

THE BANKRUPT ACT.

It is understood that the attempt will be renewed in the next Congress to repeal the Bankrupt act, or to obtain such amendment to the same as shall render its operations more favorable to commercial interests. The amendment added by the last Congress, by which property is exempted from its operation which the several States have reserved from execution for debts, has increased the legal difficulties of the situation, because of the different modes for their collection. It is supposed that this amendment works very unequally in the United States. While it allows debtors in Maryland, Delaware, and Rhode Island $500 exempt, it exempts $3,500 in Virginia, $2,000 in Mississippi, and $7,500 in Florida, Arkansas, and California, respectively.

DISTRICT POLITICS.

The members of the District Legislature here who are candidates for re-election are much concerned at the contemplated proposition to change the Government, and it is known that several attempts have been made to induce members of the movement to reconsider their action. There is, however, a very general desire to abolish the District Government, even if the Territorial form of Government with the Governorship and the Upper Chamber, is retained. The Lower House has never been anything but a collection of needy and designing political adventurers, and is entirely a useless part of the Territorial machinery, particularly for the reason that all substantial measures introduced in the House must ultimately receive the approval of Congress.

CANDIDATES FOR SENATE OFFICESHIP.

It appears that the attempt to obtain a new deal of the officers of the United States Senate will be renewed the coming session. Quite a number of persons have already intimated their expectation of becoming candidates for the main positions. It is thought, however, that the present Sergeant-at-Arms is so strong, and has on the whole been so efficient, that even Conkling, with his carpet-bag following, will be unable to remove him.

THE REDISTRIBUTION OF CURRENCY.

On the 18th of last month, the Comptroller of the Currency addressed a circular letter to a number of National Banks in Western and Southern cities, who had applied for, but who had not taken, additional circulation under the $44,000,000 redistribution act, informing them that the applications for circulation were so numerous and pressing that he should feel justified in issuing this circulation to other organizations unless the necessary amount of bonds was deposited, and the currency applied for during thirty days from that time. The banks addressed have responded promptly, and there will be very little currency for redistribution. The excuses offered by the banks for their tardiness was generally that they were holding back in expectation of a decline in the price of United States bonds, which they would have to deposit as security for the additional circulation they called for. In a few instances the banks requested an extension of time, and it is probable that the Comptroller will grant an extension of thirty days or less in those cases.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—There is considerable talk in some of the departments of asking Congress to amend the law passed last session abolishing the franking privilege, so that letters on public business, addressed to Government officials, may go through the mails without prepayment of postage. It is argued that the present law is injurious to the Smithsonian and other agricultural institutes, especially inasmuch as it prevents persons who would otherwise do so from sending specimens and curiosities, and it is thought some system may be established which will obviate the difficulty. Many of the ideas advanced by officials against the present system of postage stamps for use by the Departments are singularly crude and untenable, quite a number actually arguing that, as about $2,000,000 worth of stamps are required a year for their business, it costs the country $2,000,000 more than it cost when no stamps were needed. The stamp system was organized simply to keep the Departmental correspondence within bounds, and to enable Congress to obtain statistics for future legislation. Allowing that the correspondence will not be diminished by the use of official stamps, which is allowing too much, the cost of the present system over that of the old is merely the cost of manufacturing the stamps.

NEW YORK.

Report of Comptroller Green---The Expenditures of the City Government $52,500,000---An Unfathomable System of Bookkeeping---The District-Attorney Decides to Indict Rodman---The Bond Forgeries---The Coming Evangelical Alliance.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—The annual report of Comptroller Green, officially published in the *City Record*, has been summarized, and sent over the country by the Associated Press, representing the expenditures at about $96,000,000. This sum is too large, but the expenditures have been enormous. A close analysis, made by a competent and skillful accountant, for the *Tribune*, shows the actual expenditures to have been $52,500,000, which is $20,000,000 more than was spent for any one year under the Ring. The *Tribune*, in giving the figures in detail, says: "Everything is sacrificed without remorse to some unfathomable system of bookkeeping which is more effectual than utter silence to conceal truth; not that Comptroller Green willfully conceals, but that he seems lacking in the faculty to disclose. The important fact is the frightful rapidity with which the permanent debt increases. It will be seen at a glance that the taxes and assessments, heavy though they are, are utterly insufficient to meet the charges against them. The operations of a large sinking fund do not enter at all into the exhibit, but the so-called sinking fund for the payment of interest has not been regarded as anything more than a needless contrivance to confuse the accounts."

The District Attorney of Kings County to-day decided to indict Rodman, and witnesses are summoned to appear before the Grand Jury on Monday. This information was conveyed to Rodman last evening by a reporter. His words were no sooner spoken than Rodman with great vehemence and indignation, and evidently without much reflection, said, in a loud tone: "There is undoubtedly an effort making to crush me by men whom I have faithfully served." And then he added, after a brief pause: "It was said once, you recollect the story, don't you? that a man freed upon a worm and it suddenly turned to a dragon and devoured him. Make your own application," he said, with a significant look, and, turning away, walked half across his cell and returned. That occupation gave him half a minute for reflection, and, recovering his cautious manner, he turned again to the reporter, and said slowly: "I don't intend to say I was used in the interest of anybody. I don't say I took obstinate out of the fire, but I do say"—and here he grew impetuous again—"I do say I have been made to bear the sins of those who are actually stealing, and that, by their shrewdness in the operation, they have made the less appear the greater culprit." Again he turned away, again grew cooler, and when he came back once more and faced the reporter, he said calmly: "Even the term of culprit I disavow. What I have done has only been in obedience to orders, and without any knowledge that I was committing any irregularity or fraud." He turned away once more, and paced the room for some time, when, a moment after the reporter again addressed him by name, he said: "Don't ask me anything more. I have nothing more to say now." With that he went to a remote part of the room.

Rodman's defense will be the same as he advanced for his share in the Mills theft. He declared he acted on the orders of his superiors. He now claims that City Treasurer Sprague directed him to draw all funds used by the ring.

[To the Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—The great Cathedral of the Protestant Episcopal Church is to be erected here as soon as the requisite funds can be raised. The entire cost of the structure and lots will be $2,000,000. Among the subscriptions already received are two of $100,000 each.

Mrs. Tanney, the alleged murderess of George Watson, who was killed on Jan. 6, 1872, was admitted to bail yesterday in the sum of $25,000.

Engineer Farnham, who had charge of the first Atlantic express train on the occasion of the recent accident on the Hudson River Railroad, will be discharged from the Company's service.

The *Times'* excursions for poor children have been brought to a close for 1873. There were fourteen excursions, and the aggregate number of children attending them was 20,993.

Speaking of the recent forgeries, a member of the Law Committee of the Stock Exchange says that the Exchange would rather reimburse the victims for their losses than allow any compromise with the forgers. They are determined to prosecute to conviction, at any expense, all persons who were engaged in fraudulent transaction by which members of the Exchange may be victimized.

Henry Clews, the well-known banker, believes that the statements which have been published in relation to the recent forgeries greatly exaggerated the amount of the fraudulent bonds placed on the market. He says that the forgers are necessarily limited in their operations to obscure and small bankers; and as these are unable, of themselves, to negotiate to any extent, they must apply to the larger houses, when fraud is immediately detected and exposed, and further negotiations stopped. Under the circumstances, Mr. Clews does not think that fraudulent bonds even approximating the amount stated have been disposed of by the cunning forgers or their allies.

The President of the Buffalo & Erie Road says that the full amount of forged bonds of that Company that has been issued, and will probably never be known, as many sample bonds are sent to him for verification, without the owners saying how many they own. The amount is probably between $200,000 and $300,000. A large number of forged bonds are held by trust companies, who have loaned money on them at the rate of seventy-five cents on the dollar. The rate of seventy-five cents on the dollar. The Stock Exchange has suffered to the amount of $60,000 by the forgeries.

Many delegates to the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, which is to be held here from Oct. 2d to the 12th, have already arrived. It is expected that the approaching Conference will be one of the grandest religious gatherings ever held in the world.

The *Express* says that a rumor has been circulated that a defalcation had been discovered in accounts of an officer of the State Bank of New Brunswick, N. J., and that an expert is examining the book. The defalcation is placed at between $100,000 and $200,000.

The Senate Transportation Committee did not arrive here to-day, as expected.

The District-Attorney to-day filed an information for the condemnation of diamonds taken from John Lancaster, of Chicago, several days since.

WALL STREET.

Review of the Stock, Gold, Money, and Breadstuffs Market.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—The stock market was weak throughout the day, and at times the pressure of sales told freely upon prices. The decline ranged from ⅛ to 1¾ per cent, the lowest quotations being current at the close. The hardening tendency of money in the afternoon and the prospects of a squeeze in cash gold were the reasons assigned for the depression.

THE GOLD MARKET

was weak and easier, sales all being at 115⅛@115⅛@115⅛, with the bulk of the afternoon business at 115⅛, and closing quotation at 115⅛, bid. On gold loans the rates were 1@2 per cent for carrying to flat. Toward the close gold became heavy to carry, and as high as 7 gold was paid. In one case ⅞ was paid to have a lot of $600,000 carried over night. There were no new considerations affecting the premium, and the future of the price is problematical.

MONEY,

during the forenoon, was about 6 per cent on call loans among brokers, with new loans at 7, and old ones standing at 5. In the afternoon the demand carried up the rate to 7 gold, but before the close it broke to 5 and 6 again.

BREADSTUFFS.

Flour market excited and higher. The demand for shipping extras is very active. The prices are higher and unsettled. All grades are higher. Choice old family brands are held higher with a stronger demand for September and October. Holders of white, under moderate arrivals and easier freights, are asking a further advance of 2@3 cents per bushel, at which there is a moderate demand. High prices are asked to prevent the filling of Continental orders. The market closes quiet at an advance, with a limited demand for future winter.

RELIGIOUS.

Meeting of the Central Conference of the German Methodist Church---Serious Illness of Bishop Morris.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 4.—The Central Conference of the German Methodist Church for Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and part of Illinois, organized in this city yesterday. There was nothing further done than to meet and organize for business. To-day there were over 100 ministers present. The Conference is presided over by Bishop Scott, the Rev. Mr. Leibhart being elected Secretary. A meeting for the promotion of holiness is held each morning, commencing at 7:30, and continuing one hour.

Bishop Scott to-day announced the serious illness, probably death, of Bishop Morris, which was received with much emotion.

Dr. Eddy, Missionary Secretary, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of foreign missions. Mrs. Fry, representing the Ladies' and Pastors' Union, spoke in favor of home mission. The session will continue several days.

The Evangelical Lutherans.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich., Sept. 4.—The Annual Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, was commenced in this city to-day with a large representation of leading divines and ministers representing Ohio and Michigan. The Synod was organized by the election of R. H. Beizer, of New Washington, as President, and the Rev. R. Berkel, of Woodville, Ohio, as Secretary. The Synod will continue until Monday, holding two sessions each day. Considerable important business will be transacted relative to the Lutheran body in this country. The proceedings are in German. Twenty-seven members, are here aside from the delegates at the opening of the Synod, which is held in the Lutheran Church.

KANSAS.

A Rough Shot and Killed by a Policeman at Ellsworth---A Row Among Negroes---Proclamation by the Mayor of Ellsworth.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 4.—Another tragedy occurred to-day at Ellsworth, in which John Morico, a well-known rough, who commonly went by the name of Happy Jack, was shot and instantly killed. Happy Jack had been absent some time from Ellsworth, but made his appearance yesterday, heavily armed, and, his character being known, orders were issued to relieve him of his arms. Two policemen went to Jack and demanded his arms, saying he must give them up. Happy Jack said he would be d——d if he did, and made a movement as if to draw his weapon, when a policeman named Brown attempted to disarm him. Jack drew his pistol, when Officer Brown immediately fired two shots at him, one taking effect in the heart and the other near the left temple, the ball coming out at the ear. Happy Jack was a desperado, and only a short time ago killed a man named Thompson.

A row also ensued during the day among some negroes, from which a rumor rose that twelve men were killed. None were killed, but several were wounded. The Mayor issues the following announcement:

ELLSWORTH, Kan., Sept. 4.

In consequences of the false and exaggerated reports in regard to our city, which have found their way to the public through some of the newspapers, evidently for a purpose, I feel compelled to announce, in justice to the population of our city, as well as those wishing to visit us, that life and property are as safe in Ellsworth as in any town of the same business importance in the country. All disturbing elements are out of the way, and order prevails, and will so continue.

(Signed) JAMES MILLER, Mayor.

Brutal Assault Upon a Defenseless Girl.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 4.—Four fellows named John Flanigan, Jim Bake, and John and Peter Hennis, are under arrest at Waukesha for a brutal assault on a defenseless German girl named Mary Stiefel, whose parents reside near Chicago. From letters in her possession it appears that she was requested by her lover to come to Fulsville in that county and get married there. She went, but was laughed at for her pains, the fellow telling her he never had any idea of marrying her. Mary went to a Justice of the Peace, but was advised not to force a marriage, as it would lead to misery. She concurred in the view, but went to the fellow to demand $15 he owed her. On the way she was attacked by a gang of five roughs, who blacked her with soot. She was protected by Mr. Fuhr, of Fulsville, and placed in charge of a Mr. Huber, with instructions to carry her to Menomines Falls, out of reach of the villains. On the way the roughs knocked Huber down, took away the girl and outraged her person. She was found on Wednesday, lying beside a fence, with her veil tied tightly about her neck, and her belt drawn up as tightly as possible. Drs. Barrett and Clark are attending the victim, whose recovery is considered doubtful.

Salaries of St. Louis Post-Office Clerks Assessed.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 4.—Some city papers are publishing statements made by clerks in the Post-Office in this city, charging Postmaster Filley with having made an assessment of 5 per cent on the salaries of all clerks in office for five months past, for alleged political purposes, and for office expenses and repairs of the building. It is asserted that all the letter-carriers will also be assessed. Mr. Filley has made no public statement regarding the matter, but it is alleged that he justifies himself on the ground that the assessments are customary, and that he has recently incurred heavy personal expense in increasing the postal facilities of the office and of this section of the country, which have required a visit to Washington and other places, the cost of which he cannot afford to pay out of a salary of $4,000. These improvements, he is further alleged to say, have increased the force of the office, enhanced all the positions in it, and that the employes should assist in defraying the expense. The matter has created a good deal of comment in all circles.

WITHOUT WITNESSES.

The Canadian Royal Commission Begins Its Investigation.

Mr. Huntington, the Originator of the Charges, Refuses to Appear.

An Investigation of the Government by the Government on Government Testimony.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 5.—The Ottawa and Royal Commission met to-day. They will sit daily from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., with an hour for lunch between 1 and 2 o'clock. The court-room was filled with spectators. After the Court sat, the first witness called was the Hon. Huntington, who, after three calls without answering, was reported absent, and other witnesses were called.

The Hon. Stearnes delivered three sealed packages to the Court, but requested that they be not opened without Sir Hugh Allan's permission.

[To the Associated Press.]

OTTAWA, Canada, Sept. 4.—The Commission appointed to investigate the charges preferred against the Dominion Government by Mr. Huntington met to-day. The proceedings were opened by the reading of the Royal Commission and recital of the case since its inception. Sir John Macdonald, H. M. Langeven, and the Hon. Mr. Campbell were among the audience, also Sir Francis Hincks.

After reading the commission, Judge Day announced that the investigation had opened, and directed that Huntington be called. Of course, he did not appear.

Starnes was then called and sworn. He said he was prepared to produce the documents placed in his hands by Sir Hugh Allan and McMullan; they were in the same condition as when given to him. He objected to their being opened before Sir Hugh Allan's consent was obtained.

Abbot here rose and read a letter from Sir Hugh Allan, consenting to the packages being opened on condition that the letters should not be published unless they contained evidence which could be legally used in the case.

In reply to Judge Day, Starnes said there was an election fund in reference to Cartier's election. Starnes said Cartier absolutely refused to use any railway project to further his election. Funds were raised by subscription. Sir Hugh, being of large means, subscribed liberally. Witness had no knowledge of money coming from other sources. He heard no mention of the Pacific Railroad in connection with the election fund. He received as Treasurer of the Election Commission about $70,000 in subscriptions. The impounded letters were then opened. Letter No. 1 was directed to Starnes.

Sir Francis Hincks was next called, and, being sworn, gave a detailed statement of what he knew about the Pacific Railroad negotiations prior to legislation upon the subject. The first conversation was with Cyrille Graham, in 1870–'71. Graham said the Americans would give up the western end of the Northern Pacific, providing the Canadians would give up the eastern end, allowing it to be built through American Territory. From other conversation he thought arrangements might be made with the American capitalists. He referred to the visit of McMullen and others to Ottawa, where they produced the names of American capitalists. On every interview they were informed that the Government could not possibly make any arrangement with them, but were willing to hear all they had to say on the subject. Sir Hugh and McMullen came before the Cabinet. Sir John said the Government would listen to any proposition from Sir Hugh, but were not prepared to accept any of them. The Government finally decided on a scheme which was submitted to Parliament without any consultation with outside parties. It became the unanimous decision of the Government that the Americans must be excluded from any part of the construction of the Pacific Road.

In reply to the Judge, Sir Francis stated that no understanding, directly or indirectly, was ever come to between the Government and Sir Hugh, or any of his friends, whereby the latter were to receive a charter on condition of advancing large sums of money to aid in the late Dominion elections. He knew of no arrangement between any individual member of the Government and Sir Hugh Allen to the effect; knew that Sir Hugh had contributed to the election funds, but did not know it till long after the elections were over, and the charter given. Did not know how much money Sir Hugh had subscribed. Did not believe money was offered to any member of the Government in connection with the Pacific Road, and never received any money or promise of any from Sir Hugh on any one else in connection with the Pacific Railway. McMullen's statements respecting such loan or gifts were pure fabrications. Stated that up to the close of the election the only policy the Government had was an amalgamation of the two Canadian companies. It was not the intention of the Government to issue any charter until all attempts at such amalgamation failed. Up to October the Government hoped such amalgamation would be brought about.

De Ballefoile, Secretary of the Northern Colonization Railway, testified that he had no knowledge of any negotiations between Sir Hugh Allan and the Americans respecting furnishing money. This concluded the proceedings for to-day.

THE CHOLERA.

Disease in Kentucky---Deaths in Davenport, Iowa---Other Reports.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 4.—Four deaths from cholera occurred at Millersburg, Ky., yesterday, and a number of new cases are reported.

[By Mail.]

From the Rock Island (Ill.) Argus, Sept. 3.

Up to 3 p. m. to-day (Wednesday) there have been thirteen deaths that we know of, of cholera, in Davenport, since the news given in our paper last evening, viz.: Henry Raff, of the firm of Raff, Cook & Co.; R. M. Prettyman, agent of the Northern Line boats; Lyman Velie, a plasterer; William Wagner, fireman on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad; Mrs. Van Duzen, aged 67; two grandchildren of Mrs. Van Duzen; Frank Nilson, a Swede, died in a back yard; adopted son of Thomas Haller, name not procured; Lucy Potter, daughter of Theodore Potter; Henry Limberg; a stranger, taken in the Campbellite church-yard, at 12 o'clock last night; two German children in the lower part of town. Flat-Iron square (near the Rock Island bridge) is the worst place. Many other deaths are believed to have occurred. Business seems almost wholly suspended over there, and the town is as still as Sunday. Watermelons have been dumped into the river, fruit stores closed, and the city authorities are now making an effort to have the stink-holes cleaned up and disinfected.

Special Dispatches to the Louisville Courier-Journal.

PARIS, Ky., Sept. 2.—The cholera is abating at Millersburg. There were only four deaths to-day, and eight cases now in the city, including the old cases, some of which will get well. Most of the citizens have left town.

There have been three deaths here from cholera since yesterday noon and no new cases. All of these were fugitives from Millersburg.

LEBANON, Ky., Sept. 2.—We have had in the town and county no deaths since I wrote you yesterday morning that I can hear of. Those in Lebanon who were sick with the disease yesterday morning are convalescent. This morning sixteen cases are reported as occurring since 12 o'clock yesterday.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 2.—Fifteen deaths altogether at Columbus. Among the deaths are Clint Winfrey, daughter and son, and R. T. Garnett. Cases all originated at the Winfrey Hotel.

Adams and Brown Counties' Old Settlers' Reunion.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CLAYTON, Ill., Sept. 4.—The Old Settlers' Association of Adams and Brown Counties commenced their annual reunion here to-day, between four and five thousand people being present. The meeting is held in a grove near the town, which is fitted up with stands, tents, seats, etc. Gov. Yates, who was expected to deliver the address, did not arrive, and the day was spent in reading obituaries of deceased members, singing, and hearing of addresses from a number of the old pioneers. The meeting will continue this evening and to-morrow.

Wife-Murder and Suicide in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 4.—Archibald Dunean, a laboring man, living on the northeast corner of Fourteenth and Papin streets, shot his wife about half-past 10 o'clock this morning, the ball entering her right side, just below the nipple, and coming out on the opposite side, below the navel. Duncan then shot himself in the head. Neither is yet dead, but both are mortally wounded. The woman was far gone in pregnancy.

From the direction of the ball, it is supposed that her unborn child is killed. Nothing is known at this writing as to the cause of the tragedy.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 4.—Archibald Duncan, who shot his wife this morning and then blew his own brains out, died this afternoon. His wife is still alive at 10 o'clock to-night, but cannot live long. At the Coroner's inquest this evening an ante-mortem statement by Mrs. Duncan was made to the effect that her husband had been unsound of mind for nearly a year; that he had hysteric fits; had repeatedly threatened to kill himself; on several occasions had taken a knife and plunged it towards his heart. Twice, when he was laboring under excitement, his wife had taken a cutlass from him to prevent him killing himself. About ten days ago he bought a pistol, and this morning, after he had gone to work he returned home, and while his wife was leaning over a trunk arranging some clothes, he shot her in the abdomen, then went into an adjoining room and shot himself in the head. Mrs. Duncan, after being shot, ran out of the house, and was picked up from the pavement by Dr. Valentine and a policeman, and taken to her room. It was further learned that Duncan had been jealous of his wife for some time, which doubtless was the real cause of the act committed to-day. Mrs. Duncan, however, emphatically denies having ever given him any cause for jealousy. Mrs. Duncan was the mother of nine children, seven of whom are still alive, and would have given birth to another in a short time.

SPORTING MATTERS.

Race at Baraboo, Wis.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BARABOO, Wis., Sept. 4.—This afternoon a match trotting race came off between M. Campbell's Lady Alice, of this place, and D. N. Smith's Kate, of St. Louis, Mo., for stakes of $1,000, owners to drive, one mile dash. Lady Alice won. Time, 2:34. On the first attempt, the two got off on even terms. After going fifty yards, the St. Louis horse went off her feet, and before she settled down to work Alice shot twenty lengths ahead, which position she kept till the finish of the race, winning with ease.

Cricket Game at Hamilton, C. W.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

HAMILTON, Sept. 3.—The St. Louis Cricket Club were badly beaten here yesterday by the Hamilton Club. Hamilton scored 150 at one inning, while St. Louis only made 128 in two innings. St. Louis, in the first inning, scored 5, while R. K. Hope, of the Hamilton Club, alone scored 47 before he was out.

Billiard Match Postponed.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—The billiard match between Daly and Garnier for the championship and diamond cue, previously announced for Sept. 24, was to-day postponed till Oct. 2, on account of the difficulty in procuring a suitable hall for playing.

DETROIT.

The Sault Canal Superintendency---Delegates to the National Pork-Packers' Convention---The Cigar-Makers' Union.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 4.—Capt. Frank Morton, of this city, has become Superintendent of the Sault Canal, vice Guy H. Carleton, resigned.

Smith Botsford, John Bigler, J. Balknap, G. H. Hammond, and Peter Henkel were to-day chosen delegates to the National Pork-Packers' Convention.

The National Cigar-makers' Union held only a morning session to-day, and did nothing of importance, save referring to the Executive Committee sundry charges against various Unions, and designating the *Arbeiter Zeitung*, of New York, as the official German organ.

THE INDIANS.

The Piutes and Other Bands Induced Go to on Reservations.

SALT LAKE, Sept. 4.—G. W. Ingalls, Indian Agent, telegraphs that he has held a successful council with the Chiefs of the seven different tribes at St. George, Southern Utah. They have agreed to-day to go on the Muddy Valley reservation. These Indians represent all the Piutes in Southern Utah and Northern Oregon. Mr. Ingalls starts for Muddy Valley to-morrow. The council is regarded eminently successful.

Kanosh, Chief of another band of 150 Indians, has agreed to go to Muddy Valley. The balance, twenty or more, go to the Uintah reservation. Tabions's band goes to Uintah, and all the Southern Indians will gather at Muddy Valley. Supplies to the Piutes, Nevadas, and Western Shoshones will be distributed by N. W. Ingalls, assistant agent, next week in Nevada. The latter will probably be induced to go on the Fort Hall reservation. The Indian problem is now regarded as solved for the future in Utah and Nevada.

Railroad News.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FORT WAYNE, Sept. 4.—The Toledo, Wabash & Western Road is now laying new steel rails, the whole length of their line, from Toledo to St. Louis, and work is being pushed vigorously with a fair prospect of completion before winter. They have just received from Metz, France, the first steel rails ever sold to have been brought here from that country.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 4.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merchants' Exchange this afternoon, Nelson Tift, of Savannah, Ga., presented a plan for a new line of transportation for freight and passengers from St. Louis to Liverpool via Savannah, the basis for which is an agreement between the railroads from Savannah to trade the centres in the South and West to transport freight and passengers between Liverpool and points on their lines at rates as low as by any other route. The steamships of the line are to be furnished with coal at Savannah as cheaply as at New York, and the Savannah authorities agree that the port charges at that city shall not exceed the charges at New York. The Board passed resolutions approving the plan for the route and appointed Committees to act in conjunction with the Committees appointed by other bodies to aid in perfecting the line.

OMAHA, Sept. 4.—The Union Pacific Railroad Company sold during the month of August, 1873, 22,873 85-100 acres of land, at an average price of $4.30 7-10 per acre, amounting to $157,994; twenty-four sales averaged 32 9-10 acres to each purchaser. Total sales to Sept. 1, 1873, 779,518 22-100 acres, at an average price of $4.45 per acre, amounting to $3,468,489.77.

BATAVIA, Ill., Sept. 4.—The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad established new freight rates from Batavia to Chicago last Monday, reducing their charges 25 per cent from former rates. They also, on the same day, reduced their passenger fare to Chicago from $1.60 to $1.30. Thus a passenger can go from Batavia to Chicago, via Aurora, for .5 cents less than it would cost if he lived in Aurora, although the Batavian has seven miles further to ride.

Obituary.

HARTFORD, Ct., Sept. 4.—Col. Hiram Appelman, late Secretary of State, died this morning at Mystic Bridge, after a long and painful illness, resulting from wounds received at the battle of Antietam.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial News.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Money easier during the morning at 5@7 per cent, but, during the afternoon, rates were advanced to 7 and 7 gold. Late to-day, when the demand was generally satisfied, the rate declined to 6 @7 per cent.

Sterling dull but a trifle firmer, at 108¾@107 for 60 days, and 10¼@107¾ for sight. Customs receipts to-day, $600,000.

Gold lower, declining from 115⅞ to 115¾, and closing at 115¾. The clique, it is said, were free sellers at the top of the market. Loans were from 1 per cent to 7 gold for carrying, and flat for borrowing. Clearings, $21,000,000. The Assistant-Treasurer disbursed $60,000.

Governments weak in sympathy with decline in gold. There were few offerings at the decline.

State bonds dull.

Stocks alternately weak and firm until after the Second Board, when there was usually a pressure to sell, owing to the position of the gold clique and uncertainty which exists regarding the immediate future of money. The decline ranged from ¼ to 1¾ per cent, and was most marked in Wabash, Northwestern common, Pacific Mail, Western Union, Erie, St. Paul, and Hannibal & St. Joseph, accounts of the decline in the remainder of the list having been only ¼ to ¾ per cent. Erie continued active to the close in consequence of the activity at London, and Wabash settled down to 61¼, regular, after having sold at 69 cash early in the day. The chief fluctuations were as follows: Northwestern common, 68, 61¾, 63¼, 61¾; Pacific Mail, 43¾, 44¼, 43¾; Wabash, 69, 67¾, 69¾, 69¾; Western Union, 92, 90¾, 92¾, 90¾; Hannibal St. Joe, 57¾, 55¾, 56¾, 55¾; Hannibal St. Joe, 87¾, 85¾, 87¾, 85¾; St. Paul common, 49¾, 48¾, 49¾, 48¾.

Money closed weak under a special drive against Western Union Telegraph and Lake Shore.

Sterling, 107¾.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Coupons, '81	119½	Coupons, '67	119
Coupons, '65	116¾	Coupons, '68	117¾
Coupons, '64	117	10-40s	113
Coupons, '65	118	Currency 6s	113
Coupons, '65 (new)	116¾	New 5s	114¾

STATE BONDS.

Missouris	91	Virginias, old	62
Tennessee, old	62	North Carolinas, old	27¾
Tennessee, new	61	North Carolinas, new	15
Virginias, new	60		

STOCKS.

Canton	36¾	St Paul pfd	69
Western Union	90¾	Wabash	67¾
Quicksilver	25	Wabash pfd	80
Adams Express	91¾	Fort Wayne	93¾
Wells Fargo	73	Terre Haute	10
American Express	53	Terre Haute pfd	35
United States Ex	49	Chicago & A., ex div.	101
Pacific Mail	43¾	Chicago & Alton pfd	104
New York Central	104¾	Ohio & Mississippi	30¾
Erie	58¾	C., R. & Q	94¾
Erie pfd	72	C., R. & Q	96
Harlem	129¾	Lake Shore	91¾
Harlem pfd	133	Indiana Central	30¾
Michigan Central	96¾	Illinois Central	105
Pittsburgh	86¾	Union Pacific stocks	36
Northwestern	61¾	Union Pacific bonds	90¾
Northwestern pfd	79	Central Pacific bds	99¾
Rock Island	108¾	Del. Lack. & Western	100¾
N. J. Central	102	R. R., & Erie	2¾
St. Paul	49¾		

Foreign Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 4—11 a. m.—Market unchanged. Flour, 29s@30s. Wheat—Winter, 12s 10d; spring, 11s 9d@12s 2d; white, 12s 10d@13s; club, 13s 2d@13s 4d. Corn, 32s@30s 3d.

Pork, 70s. Lard, 39s.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 4—1:30 p. m.—Weather wet and unfavorable.

Breadstuff's buoyant. Wheat—Spring, 11s 9d@12s 6d; winter white, 12s 11d@13s; club, 13s @13s 4d. Corn, 30s 6d.

LONDON, Sept. 4—5 p. m.—

MONEY AND COMMERCE

MONETARY.

THURSDAY EVENING, Sept. 4.

Yesterday there appeared to be a slight falling off in the country demand for currency, but to-day it is as large as ever again. The extraordinary demand has completely exhausted the supply of small bills at the command of the banks, not only here, but apparently also in New York. It appears that the supply of National Bank notes, of which the major portion of the small bills in circulation consist, is entirely exhausted, and, in response to the demands of banks here for currency, the New York National Banks are remitting nearly all legal-tenders, and these of large denominations. Notes as large as $500, $100, or even $50, are of comparatively little use in the country, where the greatest necessity is for $5s and $10s. We understand that some of our bankers have addressed the Secretary of the Treasury representing the necessity of remitting a supply of small bills in the Sub-Treasury in this city for the accommodation of the Northwest. That there is a pressing necessity for such action every banker and grain-dealer in the Northwest will testify. The unprecedented demand for currency makes a necessity for unusual means of meeting it.

Money continues easy enough in this market yet. The heavy shipments of products eastward have thus far made exchange enough to balance the movement of currency in the opposite direction. Deposits have, therefore, experienced no great decrease from the heavy checking of the country banks. This is rather an extraordinary condition of the loan market, considering the great activity of finances in every other respect. Its continuance, however, depends entirely on the continued activity in the movement of grain Eastward, so as to prevent its accumulating here.

Exchange sold to-day at $1.25 per $1,000 discount.

FUTURE OCEAN FREIGHTS.

Just at present the aspect of commercial affairs is everything that could be desired. The large crop of wheat, the high price it sells for, and the rapidity with which it is being taken out of the country is leaving a large amount of available capital in the country and stimulating all kinds of business. But it is to be feared this may not continue uninterrupted. The greatest obstacle to the prosperity not only of the West, but of the United States, is lack of sufficient means of transportation. At one time it is the insufficiency of tonnage on the lakes, and at another on the ocean. The inadequacy of the lake marine to move the wheat and corn crops of the West is being felt now, but it is probable that a month hence even a greater deficiency will be experienced in the means of transportation from New York to Liverpool. The "cotton year" begins Sept. 1, and, according to the experience of past years, the crop of cotton are likely to be from one to five times greater a month hence than they are now. The English and Continental stocks of cotton on hand are much smaller than at this time last year. In New York there is an active and rising market, and a good demand for export. The crop of cotton is large and prices are good, leaving the planter a satisfactory profit. Under these circumstances, it is altogether probable that the cotton crop will come forward with as much promptitude as the wheat is now doing. By the last of October the export of cotton will absorb a large majority of the freight room from New York to Liverpool that is now available for wheat and corn. Thus it is not improbable that the mere competition for transportation of our great crops will be the means of reducing the price received by the producer, notwithstanding the continuance of an active demand and good prices in England.

THE $500 COUNTERFEIT.

The existence of the unusually dangerous counterfeit $500 greenbacks was not generally known to the public until yesterday, but as long ago as last Saturday one of these bills was detected in a bank package here in Chicago, after it had passed through two banks. The package coming finally into the hands of the Corn Exchange National Bank, the cashier opened the package and, in counting it over, thought he detected something different in the appearance of one of the $500 bills from the others. But as no counterfeit $500 bill had then ever been heard of, and, as upon closer scrutiny, he felt doubtful as to whether the difference was real or fancied, he merely marked the bill with the initials of the bank from which he received it. Subsequently, when it became known that there was such a counterfeit, he was able to identify this as one. Another instance showing the extremely dangerous character of this new counterfeit is that of Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co., bankers, of New York, who, on last Tuesday, took one of these bills without any suspicion of its character being aroused. On the same day they sent this and several other bills of similar denomination to the Sub-Treasury to obtain small bills. Mr. Gulick, the cashier at the Sub-Treasury, pronounced it counterfeit. That made the third one of these counterfeits presented at the Sub-Treasury between Monday morning and Tuesday noon. Of those who come to the Sub-Treasury with money at all the majority are bankers, and the fact that so many were offered in so short a space of time shows that there are not only a great many of them in circulation, but that the persons most familiar with money have been deceived by them. We have examined the one that was detected in the Corn Exchange National Bank in this city, and call attention to the most ready means of detection. The most prominent difference between the genuine and counterfeit is in the paper, which is considerably thicker and stiffer in the counterfeit. The next most prominent difference is that the back of the counterfeit is darker than the genuine. Besides these, there are several infinitesimal differences in the engraving of the face, but, on the whole, the engraving is so accurate a representation of the genuine that it would be impossible for any one to identify the defects by description, unless he had a genuine bill to compare with, and perhaps the most reliable and ready means of detection will be in the greater thickness of the paper and the darker appearance of the back of the counterfeit.

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Preston, Kean & Co. (successors to Lunt, Preston & Kean) quote as follows this afternoon:

	Buying.	Selling.
8-20s of '62	116¼	117
5-20s of '64	116¾	117
5-20s of '65	117¾	118
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	116¾	116¾
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	116¾	116¾
10-40s	113¾	113¾
U. S. 5s (new issue)	114¾	114¾
Gold (full weight)	115	115¾
Gold Coupons	115¼	115¾
Gold Exchange		118¾
Sterling Exchange	107¾@108¾	
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s	100 & int.	
Chicago City 7s	100 & int.	
Cook County 7s	100 & int.	
Illinois County and Township 10s	95@98	
Money on approved collaterals	6@9 per cent	

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Thursday, Sept. 4:

CITY PROPERTY.

Thirty-fifth st, s s cor of Central Park av, 49 26-100 acres (except canal), dated July 16; consideration, $40,000. Mary G. Burnet to Samuel J. Walker.

Orchard st, bet Willow st and North av, e f, 26x120 ft, dated Aug. 28; consideration, $800.

Oak st, 165¾ ft s of North Dearborn, n f, 50x171 6-10 ft, dated Sept. 2; consideration, $10,000.

Miller st, 72 ft n of Gurley, e f, 24x102 ft, dated Aug. 29; consideration, $3,000.

Milwaukee av, 50 ft s of Elm st, s s f, 25x100 ft, dated Aug. 27; consideration, $3,550.

West Twelfth st, n s cor of Throop, e f, 25x125 ft, with buildings, dated Aug. 6; consideration, $4,000.

DeKoven st, 25 ft w of Clinton st, s f, 25x118 ft, with improvements, dated Aug. 30; consideration, $9,000.

Grange st, near North Franklin st, n f, 50x180 ft, dated Aug. 27; consideration, $1,500.

Lot 30, in Block 4, in e ½ of Block 15, Sheffield's Addition, dated Sept. 3; consideration, $478.

Seymour av, 135 ft n of Hirsch st, e f, 25x126 ft, dated Sept. 4; consideration, $450.

Indiana av, 225 ft s of Thirty-second st, w f, 50x125 ft, dated Aug. 14; consideration, $10,000.

Oakley av, 200 ft n w of Dayton st, s w f, 25x100 ft, dated Sept. 2; consideration, $1,500.

Ashley st, 264 ft s of Robey st, n f, 66x100 ft, dated Sept. 2; consideration, $1,700.

S w cor of Wood st and Eighteenth st, e f, 94x100 ft, dated Sept. 3; consideration, $4,000.

Wabash av, 100 ft s of Thirty-first st, e f, 50x181½ ft, with other outside property, dated Sept 3; consideration, $25,000.

Same as the above, dated Sept. 3; consideration, $25,000.

Halsted st, s w cor of Wood st, e f, 33x126 ft, dated Aug. 5; consideration, $2,000.

Lot 17, in Block 4, of Block 1 to 6, of e ½ s w ¼, and w ½ e ¼ s w ¼, be 10, 39, 14, dated Aug. 30; consideration, $1,650.

Halsted st, s w cor Wood st, e f, 33x126 ft, dated Aug. 23; consideration, $2,000.

Lot 27, in Seavern's Block 12 of e ½ Sec 31, 39, 14, dated June 17; consideration, $250.

Lot 27, in Block 12 of s w ¼ Sec 20, 39, 14, dated Aug. 11; consideration, $1,000.

Same as, bet Centre st and Throop st, n f, 24 ft [illegible] with buildings, dated Sept. 1; consideration, [illegible]

Lot 26, in Block 3, in Davis' n ½ s ½ of s w ¼ Sec 26, 39, 14, dated Aug. 11; consideration, $2,400.

Lot 7, in Chandler's Block 6, (n of Taylor st), of w ½ s w ¼, Sec 18, 39, 14, dated June 27; consideration, $1,000.

North Dearborn st, south w cor of Erie st, s f, 20x120 ft, dated Aug. 27; consideration, $6,100.

Evans st, bet May and Fisk sts, n f. Lot 11, dated Sept. 2; consideration, $1,200.

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Lots 1, 4, 5, and 8, in Block 6, Clybourn's Addition to Ravenswood, dated July 14; consideration, $3,200.

Lot 16, in Block 10 of Handley's Subdivision in Pine Grove, dated Oct. 2, 1872; consideration, $4,200.

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS.

Forty-fifth st, 25 ft e of Evans av, s s, 33x111½ ft, dated Aug. 26; consideration, $1,200.

Lot 72, in Duncan's Block V, of Taylor & Kreigh's e ½ of n ½ s Sec 4, 38, 14, dated June 27; consideration, $775.

That ½ of Lot 1, in Division 23 of Block 2, in Carr's s e ¼ Sec 9, 38, 14, dated Aug. 27; consideration, $250.

Lot 5, in Block 5, of Day's n e ¼ Sec 4, 38, 14, dated May 10; consideration, $600.

Lot 4, in same Block 5, dated May 10; consideration, $600.

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, Sept. 4.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	6,474	4,389	4,801	747
Wheat, bu	249,406	98,280	283,420	70,931
Corn, bu	262,785	311,269	26,405	162,791
Oats, bu	70,834	84,660	38,941	45,641
Rye, bu	10,018	7,984	960	1,920
Barley, bu	79,180	28,719	6,196	7,794
Grass seed, lbs	261,210	41,176	160,519	174,373
Flax seed, lbs	436,380	194,310	210,000	.....
Broom-corn, lbs	88,600	.....	2,250	12,010
Dried meats, lbs	19,200	97,610	192,281	85,960
Beef, brls	.....	.....	.....	70
Pork, brls	.....	617	630	13
Lard, lbs	6,250	6,500	64,030	5,526
Tallow, lbs	10,540	12,500	20,000	.....
Butter, lbs	106,715	42,561	36,500	97,662
Live hogs, No	10,030	13,625	5,611	7,834
Cattle, No	2,394	3,018	1,465	2,211
Sheep, No	617	495	.....	.....
Hides, lbs	20,000	117,460	68,500	4,300
High wines, brls	964	886	199	805
Wool, lbs	166,894	97,343	46,273	69,220
Potatoes, bu	247	851	47	.....
Lumber, m feet	4,48	7,319	2,400	2,301
Shingles, m	1,010	2,000	1,561	2,011
Lath, m	70	210	190	403
Salt, brls	10,165	.....	3,410	2,206

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 395 bu wheat; 4,263 bu corn; 1,673 bu oats; 2,396 bu rye; 1,218 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning up to 10 o'clock: 674¼ cars wheat; 333½ cars corn; 6,000 bu No. 1 do; 62,300 bu No. 2 do, and 15,000 bu rejected do, by canal; 64¼ cars oats; 33 cars rye; 63½ cars barley. Total (1,369 cars) 599,000 bu.

Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed by some shippers because they cannot load vessels after 6 o'clock at night, without signing a paper absolving the warehouse-men from all responsibility for errors in grade, in the absence of the State Inspector. They say that in the present crowded condition of the elevators, and the great pressure on track, the State Inspectors ought to be willing to make over hours when wanted; and a great many people agree with them.

The quality of the wheat now coming into the city from the crop is first-class, but the working quality of some of it might be much improved by cleaning it of dirt, and taking the oats out. Several loss have arrived here recently which would have passed as No. 1 if properly cleaned, and were placed in a low grade for want of about one cent's worth of trouble per bu on the part of the owner.

The pressure of grain receipts has been so great that it is very difficult to keep pace with them in unloading here. Some of our railroad yards are blocked up with cars not yet unloaded. It is stated that orders have been issued along the lines of the C., B. & Q. Railroad to receive no more grain for a few days, till the present accumulations here can be worked off. Some of our warehouses are refusing to receive canal grain, holding that their first duty is to receive that arriving by rail.

There was some excitement to-day about a statement to the effect that one firm here received something like one hundred cars of wheat per day over the Rock Island Railroad, while would-be shippers to other firms here find it impossible to obtain cars for any amount.

A lively little discussion also arose on the subject of grain deliveries. It is now the custom to carry round receipts for grain before 3 o'clock, and to take in the bills for collection, where the parties are known to be good, some time during the next two hours, when deliveries are not in order. A prominent operator, who sent out a rather large lot of corn yesterday afternoon, with intent to escape the accumulation of ½c per bu storage, was surprised to find most of it returned to him from other parties just before the stroke of 3. This would not have been possible if the intermediate parties had been obliged to make out their bills before making the delivery. He claimed to-day that this mode of procedure ought to be insisted on in every case. To this it was objected that in no other branch of business is the rule followed. An order for dry goods or groceries may be filled, and the goods delivered several days before the bill is sent in; but the buyer has the right to insist on receiving a bill for his goods, and a receipt for the money, when payment is made.

THE MARKETS.

The leading produce markets were more active to-day, and nearly all the cereals were stronger, in sympathy with the tone of advices from Eastern points. There was a better shipping movement, but, except in wheat, there is still a piling up of grain here at a rapid rate, which threatens to fill up our elevators to their utmost capacity before the edge of winter. The shipments are now being conducted by rail as much as possible, which is an unprecedented circumstance in summer.

In the market for dry goods there was a satisfactorily active movement, at firm and unchanged prices. Groceries continue in good demand to supply interior merchants and local retailers, and firmness prevails in all departments. The only quotable change to-day were ⅛c advance in hard sugars, and 5c advance in extra sugar-house syrups. The latter and cheese markets were only moderately active, and values were not subjected to any material fluctuation. Coal remains firm. The inquiry for grain bags continues in excess of the supply, and the recently-advanced prices are easily sustained. Stark at 37½c; Lewiston at 35c; Otter Creek at 34½c, and American at 33c. The hay market continues dull, with prices unsettled and weak. There is at present no margin for Eastern shippers, and for pressed hay the market is entirely nominal. Hides were again quoted active and firm, with an advance in green calf and kip skins. Leather, tobacco, wool, and pig iron were unchanged. Dice met with a liberal demand at generally firm prices.

The demand for lumber at the yards continues to improve, the inquiry from country merchants being particularly good. Prices are without material change, but strong. The wholesale market was fairly active, though there was very little offering until towards noon, and the market was firm at an average advance of 50@75c ₹ m ft. Nails are in good demand and very firm, at $4.50 rates net. In fact, they have advanced at the factories, and will probably be quoted at $4.62½ here to-morrow. Metals, tinners' stock, and iron are meeting with a steadily increasing demand on both local and interior account, and the market for all of these goods is quoted firm at present rates. There was no specially new feature to note in naval stores, cooperage, or building materials. Wool is active and firm, and an advance of 1c is noted in fine washed fleece. Timothy seed was in fair demand, closing a shade easier. Prices ranged from $2.50@3.00 for common to choice seed. Domestic green fruits were rather quiet; and grapes and pears were lower. The poultry market was liberally supplied, and prices for both chickens and game were weak and lower. Eggs continue to advance under a good local demand.

Lake freights were a shade more active at unchanged prices to Buffalo, at 10c for oats, 12c for corn, and 14c for wheat. Carriers asked 1c advance early, but modified their views when they found that shippers were resorting to railroad cars in preference, and that the latter, with no higher rates and quicker time, were powerful competitors. Kingston rates were advanced to 20c on corn, and 25c on wheat, there not being the same competition by rail to Canadian ports as to Buffalo. A total of 13 charters was reported, which will carry out about 285,000 bu wheat.

Highwines were active, but very weak, being demoralized towards the end of the session by a report that New York had receded to 95c, which was probably a mistake, owing to an error in transmission. Sale was made early of 100 brls at 96c; then of 100 brls at 97c, and finally of 150 brls at 95c, which was a drop of 5c per gallon from yesterday. Total sales, 350 brls. The market closed with nominal sellers at 95c, and no buyers. Our own receipts were more liberal, and a better supply was reported from New York, while there were whispers to the effect that some shipping orders on European account had been withdrawn.

Provisions were rather more active, and very steady at previous quotations. Mess pork was a shade firmer in tone, under a fair demand, and the report of light stocks, while meats were dull, though there is not much here. There was more inquiry for winter options in the speculative articles, but none for meats. It is strange that hitherto there has been no European demand for meats, as up to this date last year large quantities had been sold in that direction; probably it is because present prices are considered too high, for there certainly is as much need for meat on the other side of the Atlantic as ever. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller September, $15.85@15.90; do seller October, $15.00@15.25; do seller December, $13.37½@13.50; seller January, $13.40@13.50; lard, cash or seller September, $7.80@7.87½; summer do, 7¾@7¾c; seller November, 7¼c. Lard, seller December, 7¼c; do seller January, 7¾c. Sweet pickled hams quoted at 9¼@11¼c. Dry salted meats steady at 7¾@7¾c for shoulders; 8¾@8¾c for short ribs; and 9@9½c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, 8½@8¾c. English meats, 9¾@9¾c for short ribs; 9¾@9¾c for short clear. Summer-cured meats quotable at ½c below these prices. Short ribs, seller December, at 8¾@8¾c, boxed; do short clear, 7c. Bacon is quoted at 8c for shoulders; 10¾c for clear ribs; 10½c for short clear; and 13½@14¼c for hams, all packed. Mess beef, $8.75@9.00; extra mess do, $9.75@10.00; beef hams, $23.00@23.50. City tallow, 7@7½c; grease quotable at 4½@6½c. Sales were reported of 1,000 brls mess pork, seller the month, at $15.87½; 1,000 brls do seller December and January at ½c. 1,000 brls old pork at $15.00 cash; 500 brls lard at 7¾c; 1,000 lbs do seller December and January at 7½c.

The following are the stocks of hog products on hand in this city on Sept. 1, 1873, as reported by the packers and warehousemen to the Secretary of the Pork Packers' Association, as compared with Aug. 1 and July 1, 1873:

	1873.		
	Sept. 1.	Aug. 1.	July 1.
Clear pork, brls	10	10	10
Mess pork, new, brls	18,918	34,897	43,053
Mess pork, old, brls	6,584	12,200	15,724
Prime mess pork, brls	100	200	201
Lard, tcs	15,522	22,497	34,363
Extra ribbed lard, tcs	6,847	9,446	*18,657
Sweet pickled hams, brls	240	1,067	2,315
Bacon hams, pcs	26,500	57,100	.....
Dry salted shoulders, lbs	474,293	863,252	2,419,000
Dough cakes, lbs	18,000	18,000	180,000
Long clear middles, lbs	.....	50,000	50,000
Short clear middles, lbs	721,074	1,479,074	3,044,974
Short rib middles, lbs	1,940,780	2,780,780	4,773,150
Bellies, lbs	80,000	160,000	181,500
Cheese, pkgs	1,362	3,055	3,440

*Including bacon hams.

All the meats held by the jobbing trade are included. Lard held for manufacturing purposes not included.

Flour was more active, and a shade firmer, being in liberal demand for export, while there was a fair inquiry from local dealers. Shippers bought the bulk of the flour sold, taking all lots offered, and about cleared the market both of springs and winters, making little distinction between new and old. The demand was largely stimulated by the anticipated advance in through freights next week. Bran was quiet, and unchanged. Sales were reported of 100 brls bakers winter extras at $7.25; 100 brls do at $7.00; 25 brls do at $6.50; 475 brls do on private terms; 100 brls spring extras (old Minnesota) at $6.87½; 200 brls do (Minn.) at $6.45; 100 brls do at $6.37½; 400 brls do at $6.00; 100 brls do at $5.75; 4,200 brls do on private terms. Total, 5,800 brls. Also, 20 tons bran at $12.00 on track. The following was the range of prices at the close:

Fair to choice white winter extra	$ 7.00@ 9.00
Red winter extra	6.75@ 8.50
Good to choice spring extra	6.75@ 6.50
Low to medium	4.50@ 5.50
Minnesotas (patent)	9.00@10.25
Good to fancy Minnesota	6.00@ 7.50
Spring superfine	5.75@ 6.00
Bran	12.00@12.50

Wheat was very active and quite strong, advancing 1¾c per bu on the leading options, and 3c on cash lots, from the topmost prices of yesterday, though the receipts were again very large. The foreign markets were again quoted higher, and New York followed suit with a better export demand. Our market was tame early, but it was soon apparent that the shipping inquiry was unusually good, prices advanced rapidly in consequence, dragging options after them, but more slowly, in sympathy. The shipping movement was principally by rail, except to Canadian ports, and this caused a rather marked discrimination against receipts in houses which are not so easily reached by cars from Eastern lines. The demand was probably stimulated by the expectation of an advance in rail freights at the beginning of next week, as well as the knowledge that New York is comparatively bare of stocks, while the weather in Great Britain for several days past has been so bad as to seriously interfere with the gathering in of the crops. Many of the shorts grew alarmed at the prospect, and some who had sold quite freely yesterday eagerly covered to-day. The most important fact in the situation was that notwithstanding the scarcity of freight room, the shipments of yesterday were considerably in excess of the receipts. Seller the month opened at $1.14, and advanced irregularly to $1.15¾, closing at $1.15¾. Seller October sold at $1.13@1.14¾, closing at $1.14. Seller the year sold at $1.10¾@1.11¾; cash No. 2 spring closed firm at $1.17¾, with a nominal premium of ½c for receipts in the Northwestern Elevators; No. 1 spring closed at $1.20¾ (Northwestern do at $1.22); No. 3 do do at $1.12; and rejected do at $1.04. Winter wheat was inactive. Cash sales were reported of 4,500 bu No. 1 spring at $1.20¾; 12,400 bu do at $1.20; 6,000 bu Northwestern do at $1.22; 20,400 bu No. 2 spring $1.17¾; 7,200 bu do at $1.17¾; 9,400 bu do at $1.17½; 6,000 bu do at $1.17¾; 22,400 bu do at $1.17; 5,600 bu do at $1.16¾; 63,300 bu do at $1.16¾; 35,200 bu do at $1.16¾; 21,800 bu do at $1.16½; 16,000 bu do at $1.16¾; 37,400 bu do at $1.12½; 20,000 bu do at $1.12; 2,000 bu do at $1.13; 9,000 bu do at $1.12½; 800 bu do at $1.14½; 400 bu No. 2 Northwestern at $1.17½; 13,600 bu do at $1.17; 4,000 bu do at $1.16½; 7,200 bu do at $1.16½; 3,200 bu do at $1.18½; 4,400 bu No. 3 spring at $1.12; 6,400 bu do at $1.11½; 25,200 bu do at $1.11; 2,000 bu rejected at $1.04; 800 bu do at $1.08½. Total, 445,500 bu.

Corn was much less active, but very firm, advancing ½c under the influence of somewhat smaller receipts, a higher quotation from New York and Liverpool, and a check in the upward movement in freights. The European buoyancy would undoubtedly have caused much greater strength here, but for the fact that shippers claim it does not pay to operate, and were afraid to enter the freight market lest they should put up rates to a still higher point by competing with the wheat-shippers. This left the market principally to the speculators, but the fresh receipts offered were willingly taken to carry against options sold for October. The large volume of corn here, and its rapid increase, both set as a drag upon prices, and tend to neutralize the effect of reports received from Europe. Almost daily this the crop of 1873 is unmistakably short. The augment yesterday was over a quarter of a million bu, a rate which could not continue long without exhausting our storage capacity, on corn alone. Seller the month, or cash No. 2, opened at 40¾c and advanced to 41¼c at the close. Strictly fresh receipts commanded ½c, and high mixed ¼c premium, closing at 41¾c and 41½c respectively. Seller October sold from 42¾c to 43½c at the close. Seller last half of October sold at 43c. Rejected was scarce and strong, opening at 37c, and closed with firm holders at 38c. Cash sales were reported of 20,000 bu high mixed at 41¾c; 12,600 bu do at 41¾c; 18,000 bu do at 41¾c; 70,400 bu No. 2 at 41¼c; 78,000 bu do at 41¾c; 52,800 bu do at 41¾c; 25,000 bu do at 41½c; 6,400 bu rejected at 38c; 2,000 bu do at 37½c; 2,400 bu do at 37¾c; 800 bu do at 37½c; 4,000 bu do at 37c. Total, 299,400 bu.

Oats were less active, but strong, in sympathy with wheat and corn, and averaged ¼c higher, but were not so firm towards the close of the session, though reported higher in New York, a fact which brought out several sellers, who were anxious to profit by the improvement. The receipts exhibited a slight falling off, but the shipments were again lamentably small in comparison. Seller the month, or regular No. 2, sold at 28¾@28¾c and seller the year at the same, both closing with the inside bid. Seller October sold at 28¾@28¾c, closing steady at 28¾c. Cash sales were reported of 15,600 bu No. 2 at 28¾c; 38,000 bu do at 28¾c; 5,000 bu do at 28¾c; 18,000 bu do at 28c; 3,600 bu do, white, at 30c; 3,600 bu do at 29½c; 2,800 bu rejected at 26c; 800 bu do at 25¾c. Total, 86,000 bu.

Rye was quiet, but ½c higher, there being a good demand, while holders were generally unwilling to sell at the recent decline. The receipts are on the increase. Cash sales were reported to 4,000 bu No. 2 at 68c. Rejected was nominal at 61@62c; seller the month at 67c bid, and seller October at 66@67c.

Barley was more active, but weak, declining 5 @10c per bu, under the fact of larger receipts and consequently more liberal offerings. The arrivals thus far have been small, but country holders evidently see in the premium for September delivery that it will be to their advantage to forward all they can send in this month. No. 2, cash or seller September, opened at $1.30 (the option), and fell to $1.25 at the close. Seller October sold at $1.20, and seller the year at $1.20@1.25. No. 3 opened at $1.00, and fell to 90c at the close. Rejected closed at 75c. Cash sales were reported of 2,400 bu No. 2 at $1.23; 400 bu do at $1.28; 800 bu do at $1.24; 2,400 bu No. 3 at $1.00; 1,600 bu do at 96c; 1,200 bu do at 92c; 1,600 bu do at 91c; 800 bu do at 90c; 1,600 bu rejected at 79c; 2,000 bu do at 75c; 2,800 bu do at 75c; 400 bu by sample at $1.30; 400 bu do at $1.25; 400 bu do at $1.15; 400 bu do at $1.10; 400 bu do at $1.02½; 500 bu do at 90c; 100 bu do at 80c; 400 bu Utah on private terms, supposed to be $1.75. Total, 20,800 bu.

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

The following is Beerbohm's dispatch to the Board of Trade of this city to-day:

SEPT. 4.—London—Floating cargoes wheat off coast firm. Cargoes of wheat on passage upward tendency. Number of cargoes of wheat and corn on passage to United Kingdom moderately decreased since last week. Weather in England shows signs of improvement. Short rate 40s 7d. Liverpool Wheat Steady. Corn brisk. Stretfords 40s.

MAIL FREIGHTS.

It will be seen by reference to our local columns that the advance on rail freights to the East is ordered sooner than was anticipated. An addition of 5c per 100 lbs will be made on grain and fourth class to the seaboard and interior New England points, making 50c to Buffalo.

THE GRAIN GLUT.

We have referred elsewhere to the order to take no more grain at stations on the C., B. & Q. Railroad for a few days, till the tracks can be cleared of loaded cars. We add the following dispatch:

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sept. 4.—The Rock Island Railroad officers have received notice that Chicago is full of grain, and that the Company have about 600 cars on the track which cannot be unloaded; hence shipments have stopped till Chicago can unload.

FOREIGN BREADSTUFFS.

The *Mark Lane Express* makes the following review of the week ending Aug. 18, embracing Great Britain and the Continent:

The intensity of the heat has caused such a simultaneous ripening that North and South have been equally benefited, and there have been many new samples offering for sale throughout the length and breadth of the land. They so generally cast last year's produce in the shade that we could not be surprised at the high prices demanded, which potently prevented much business being transacted but at old samples diminished rates for the new named fail to be speedily established. Our neighbors, the French, show a further advance in prices all over the country, and have already sent many buyers on this side to the channel. Rates there have been 1s. 3d. to 1s. 10d. per qr.; and Paris quotes a rise of 3s. 9d. per qr. in wheat and 2s. 3d. per sack in flour. We think however, that prices for a time have reached their highest, as the course of events with the finest weather is without precedent, for some years. Those changes in our consumptive inquiry has scarcely raised prices 1s. But the features of the wheat trade in both countries have been very similar, viz: the exhaustion of old stocks, and a great superiority in the samples of the new, though the yield is deficient, more especially in France, where, however, the real deficiency in flour there does not exceed 15 per cent, the advance more than covers it. It is pretty certain to bring out much more liberal supplies as threshing proceeds, and some of the present excitement will probably give place to more moderate views. We do, indeed, fear in certain localities that our yield will be quite as short, and that the great counties, Essex and Kent, whatever they may show in excellence, will be fearfully below the mark; but let us hope these estimates have been exaggerated, and as any rate it is well for the country and Mark Lane that this season these countries will recover their old reputation. Belgium, Holland, and Germany have also felt the influence of the French advance.

Under date of the 20th ult., Mr. James Sanderson writes to the London *Times* as follows:

Taking England generally, I estimate the wheat yield to be 20 per cent under average. The grain is of good quality and in excellent condition.

To report on the barley crop is more pleasing. A considerable area intended for wheat was sown in barley, consequently the area under barley is unusually large. Notwithstanding the absence of rain in July, a moderately good seed-bed was secured, and the tillering was vigorous, although somewhat irregular. The plants are thick in the ground, the heads are long, and the grains are closely set. The quality generally is fair, and the condition good. Although in some instances the sample is somewhat shriveled and steely, but recent showers will improve the grain for malting purposes.

There is a considerable difference this year between the wheat and barley harvests, and the several districts the former will be finished before the latter is commenced. I estimate the yield of barley crop at 15 per cent over average.

The oat crop, usually productive in wet seasons, is in many districts a failure this year. It suffered severely in spring from wireworm and grub, pests always severe after a mild winter. As in ordinary seasons, so also in this winter, oats were the first crop that was harvested. The area under cultivation, however, is being gradually diminished. I estimate the yield of the oat crop to be 10 per cent under average.

The bean and pea crops are remarkably good, especially in the north and midland counties. The bean crop especially has escaped the attacks of the fly, and will probably prove to be 15 per cent over average. It is unusual to have three good bean crops in succession.

A large area has been planted with potatoes. This crop is singularly regular, and promises a large yield. From its forward state it is more likely to escape disease. I have seen indications of the disease only in Lincolnshire and Cheshire.

Turnips and mangolds are singularly promising; there is scarcely a failure to be seen, while the crop generally, irrespective of light or heavy manuring, good or bad farming, everywhere luxuriates.

Wheat was active in the afternoon, and advanced ½c, closing at $1.18 cash, and sold at $1.15¾@1.15¾ seller the month, closing at the outside; also at $1.14½@1.14¾ seller October, and $1.12 seller the year. Corn was fairly active and easier, closing at 41¾c seller the month, and sold at 42¾@42¾c seller October, the latter option closing at the inside. Oats sold at 28¾c seller the month, and 29¾c seller October. Three charters were reported, one for wheat to Buffalo at 14c, and two for corn to Buffalo at 13c. Capacity, about 50,000 bu corn and 26,000 bu wheat.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

THURSDAY EVENING, Sept. 4.

ALCOHOL—The tendency is still downward, and prices are 10c lower than yesterday. Quotable at $1.90 @1.95 for 94 per cent proof.

BEANS—Were quiet and unchanged. We continue to quote: Prime Navies, $2.50@2.60; prime medium, $2.20@2.40; common to fair, $1.50@2.00.

BUTTER—There was a fair activity in the demand for this staple, both local and outside buyers ordering with considerable freedom. In values no important change was visible. The prevalent feeling, so far at least as the better grades were concerned, was one of firmness, and the annexed quotations were fully sustained: Choice yellow, 22@23c; medium to good, 17 @20c; inferior to common, 12@15c.

BAGGING—Remains firm, and the quotations are unchanged. Sales in the list the inquiry is only fair. Following are the quotations: Stark A, 37½c; Ludlow A, 36½c; Lewiston A, 35c; American A, 33c; Amoskeag A, 43c; Otter Creek, 34½c; Swamp Angel, 19@20c; Thistle, 17½c; single, 17½@18c; do double, 27@28c; wool sacks, 65@66c.

BROOM CORN—There was no special change to note. Common corn is selling to manufacturers, but choice is rather dull at present prices. We quote: No. 1, hurl, 8@9½c; No. 1, stalk, usual, 6@7c; No. 2 do, 5@6c; No. 3 do, 4½@5c; red tip, 3½@4½c; pale and red, 3@4c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—Trade continues fair and prices steady as follows: Stucco, $2.50 per bbl; New York stucco, casting, $3.50@4.00; Portland cement, $7.50@ 8.00 ₹ bbl; Rosendale cement, $2.25@2.50; Utica, Louisville, Manitou, and Akron cement, $1.60 ₹ brl; marble dust, $3.00; lime in bulk, 80c@$1.00; lime (brls), $1.10 @1.25 ₹ brl; white sand, ₹ brl, $1.50@2.00; plastering hair, ₹ lb, 2½@3c; do, ₹ bush, 30@35c; brick, $9.00 per thousand; brighton brick (common), $6.50@7.00; pressed brick, $14.00@18.00; sewer brick, $8.50@10.00; Milwaukee and Racine pressed, $26.00@30.00, del.; do common, $14.00@18.00; Indiana pressed, $15.00@25.00; do common, $10.00@15.00; fire clay, per brl, $3.00 @4.00.

CHEESE—Dealers report a strictly fair demand for cheese, and, with no surplus stock on hand, prices are steadily sustained. We quote: York factory, 13½c; Ohio factory, 11@13½c; Western factory, 11@12½c.

COAL—Was firm and without quotable change. Prices range as follows: Lehigh, screened, $11.00; Lackawanna, $9.50@10.00; Reno, $9.50; Briar Hill, $9.00; Walnut Hill, $7.00; Blossburg, $9.50; Hocking Valley, $8.00; Cannel, $10.00; Indiana Block, $7.50@8.00; Kirkland Grate, $6.00; Cherry Mine, $8.00; Minonk, $8.00; Kingston, $7.00; Wilmington, $6.00.

COOPERAGE—Was in moderate demand at former prices. We quote: Pork barrels, $1.30@1.40; lard tierces, $1.60@1.70; whisky barrels, $1.90@2.10; flour barrels, 48@57c; pork staves, rough, $21.00@24.00; do hooked, $24.00@26.00; lard staves, $23.00@25.00; whisky staves, rough, $20.00@30.00; do bucked, $32.00; flour staves, $9.00@10.50; circle flour heading, 7½@9½c per set; sugar hogs, $14.00@15.00 per set; pork and tierce poles, $30.00@35.00 per set.

EGGS—Are meeting with a fair local inquiry; and strictly fresh offerings were firm at an advance. Now quotable at 13@14c. Old stock sold at 12½c.

FEATHERS—Sell readily at full prices. We continue to quote: Prime to choice live geese feathers at 76c; jobbing price, 82½@85c; mixed feathers, 26@ 75c; chicken, 6@20c.

FISH—The fish trade continues satisfactorily active, with prices firm and steady. We repeat our list as follows: No. 1 whitefish, ½-brl $6.00@6.25; No. 2 do, $5.75@6.00; No. 1 trout, $6.00@6.25; No. 1 shore mackerel, new, ½-brl, $12.50@12.75; No. 1 bay, $9.50 @9.75; No. 2 mackerel, ½ brl, $6.50@6.75; family mackerel, ½-kit, $7.00@7.25; No. 1 shore kits, $1.95 @2.00; summer-cured codfish, per 100 lbs, $6.25@ 6.50; George's codfish, $6.50@6.75; Labrador herring, split, brls, $5.00@5.50; 1-brl kits, $2.75@3.00; 4-brl do herring, pound, brl, $4.00@4.50; do ½ brl, $4.25 @4.50; box herring No. 1, 28@30c; box herring, scaled, 22@23c; Columbia River salmon, ½ brls, $

COLLECTING A DEBT.

The Most Extraordinary Case of Pecuniary Vengeance on the Part of a Creditor on Record.

Tried by a man in Chicago of the name of Merrill. This man was born of poor but respectable parents, in one of the many beautiful New England towns, which lie along the Connecticut River. Among his companions and playmates was the son of a wealthy merchant named Crouch. The son's name was also Crouch, and he and young Merrill used to indulge in that fascinating game, playing marbles for keeps. Now, Crouch had more pocket-money than Merrill, and it was easier for him to buy marbles than it was for his opponent, so he did not have to play as good a game. The consequence was, Merrill very fast developed, to a wonderful degree, all the muscles and faculties required to be a first-class player, and soon the marbles began to flow in his direction. There is said to be an end to all things. So that as it may, in time the money possessed by young Crouch had left, and he took the fatal step so often before and since taken by young men in his position. He borrowed ten marbles valued at ten cents from Merrill, hoping to win with them. But it was in vain. The Fates were opposed to him. He borrowed the same ten again of the same value, and again lost. Again and again he tried the same operation, trying to start on a basis of ten borrowed marbles and retrieve his lost fortune. One morning he awoke to the fact that he owed Merrill $6.40, and that he had no wherewithal to liquidate the indebtedness. After mature deliberation he decided that the only thing he could do was to repudiate the whole debt. This the young Pendletonian did, and henceforth there was trouble. Merrill had counted on buying a great many things, including a suit of clothes, hand-sled, jack-lantern, etc., with the wealth he was so soon to possess. When he found this was a cruel dream, he was at first wild, and would not be pacified, but on reflection he thought he would worry it out of Crouch; so when ever he met him he would say, "Where is that $6.40?" No matter where or when he met him, it was the same question. Indeed he so persecuted Crouch that he had to leave his new New England home, and go out into the cold, cold, world. Would that it had been cold for the past few days. In time, he came to Chicago, and grew to be a rich man. As fortune so often does, she took a funny freak, and brought Merrill, the pursuer, face to face in Chicago, with the man who had not, most since they were boys, paid him. Merrill saw the name of his quondam companion, and found to his surprise that the boy had become a man. Now, one would think the old scores would be forgotten, but Merrill is not that kind of a man. The first morning he reached Chicago, he went to Crouch's office, and waited till he came, when he demanded his $6.40, with interest. This modest request was refused, and Crouch passed on. This was kept up for about three years, when Mr. C. went before Jurgis to escape such persecution. But he did not make the precaution to close out his entire business, and Merrill simply changed the base of operations to the counting-room of Mr. C., where about half past 6 every morning, he would feebly inquire of the various clerks and employés if Crouch had come. Every morning would drop in, they would be greeted with "How are you pup?" or "How is Crouch's health?" and like pleasant and complimentary salutations, until at last it became so unbearable that one of the clerks took the gentleman by the nap of his neck on Wednesday last and laid him softly on the sidewalk. He felt that he had been misused, so he had his assailant arrested, and the case was tried before Banyon yesterday, who decided that Merrill was a man whose perseverance should be publicly acknowledged, and to attract general attention he presented the city with $3.

THE PROPELLER CLEVELAND.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: We notice in the Milwaukee *Sentinel* of the 3d inst., under the caption "Disasters," an item to the effect that the propeller Cleveland, of the Northern Transportation Company's line, was rescued from the beach at Middle Island, Lake Huron, on Sunday morning, by the City of New York, of the same line. We were passengers on the Cleveland at the time, and we consider the report does injustice to the Captain of the propeller Champlain, of the same line, as well as to the Captain, officers, and crew of the Cleveland. The Cleveland ran hard on the rocks at Middle Island, Lake Huron, during a dense fog, at half-past 1 o'clock Sunday morning. The propeller Champlain, bound down, came to our assistance at day-break, and took on our Captain, Brown. They together secured the new Clare, and lightered off the cargo of the Cleveland, the Champlain remaining and making frequent efforts during the day to haul her off as the lightering proceeded. When the New York's steam-pumps were got in sight, the Champlain steamed out and brought her in, and they together, in the second pull, hauled us off. We had many more passengers than could be accommodated with berths, and some from this consideration and from motives of safety, procured transfers to the New York, leaving our cabin just full. Capt. Brown certainly deserves great credit for his prompt and effectual efforts in getting off the vessel without any perceptible damage, and saving a valuable cargo, very slightly injured by handling, from a situation where many a valuable craft has been wrecked, and few saved. The Captain of the Champlain, his officers and crew, rendered every possible assistance during the whole day. And the New York certainly gave all the assistance she could during the short space of twenty minutes, when the work was nearly accomplished, and would have been done in twenty minutes more lighting without her assistance. We got off between 5 and 6 o'clock p. m., and reloaded the cargo during the night. After laying in port twelve hours on account of heavy weather, we proceeded on our voyage, every passenger, without exception, expressing great confidence in Capt. Brown's capacity as a sailing-master, and deep gratitude for his untiring efforts to save his passengers from anxiety and harm:

J. M. Chapman, Chicago; O. O. Rounds, Chicago; A. L. Chamberlain, St. Louis; Miss E. M. Bidd, Rapid Falls; E. C. Glover, Salina, Mich.; Thomas Daly, Peoria County, Ill.; John Reynolds, Terre Haute, Ind.; Samuel Keady, Dunlap, Ill.; J. R. Cosgrove, Detroit; J. C. Wilson, Cherokee, Ia.; Charles Rich, Gotchenberg, Ia.; T. Burger, Six Oaks, Mich.; S. M. Kinney, Montreal, C. E.

CHICAGO, Sept. 4, 1873.

EDMUND BURKE'S REMEDY.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: People pay physicians for reminding them of what they themselves know, or ought to know. The simplest remedies are, generally speaking, more efficacious than the most complicated compounds, and the household often contains specifics not to be found at any drug-store. Edmund Burke speaks, in one of his letters, of a very simple, yet efficacious, remedy which he employed whenever troubled with headache, colds, etc. It was to drink or sip hot (not warm) water as fast as he could swallow it. The effect was better, he said, before than after meals, and was seen in a healthful perspiration, which, setting up a circulation, freed the system from such impurities as caused the sickness or pain. Burke was an enthusiastic a believer in hot water as a medicine that he maintained it would cure almost any disease to which flesh is heir.

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FINANCIAL.

A. G. SANFORD & CO., 146 DEARBORN-ST., BASE, Bonds and Stocks.

NOTE AND SUBURBAN REAL ESTATE NOTES bought by C. W. PIERCE, Real Estate and Note Office, 151 East Madison-st., Room 7.

CLAIMS AGAINST KNICKERBOCKER, HOME, Mutual Western, Illinois Mutual, and other bankrupt Fire and Marine Companies, cashed by J. N. WITHERELL, 15 Dearborn-st.

I HAVE $10,000 TO LOAN ON FIRST-CLASS REAL ESTATE at 10 per cent. Address P 4, Tribune office.

MONEY TO LOAN—LONG OR SHORT TIME—ON real estate and other good securities; purchases money notes wanted. LEVI WING & CO., 99 Dearborn-st.

MONEY IN SUMS OF $5,000 TO $50,000 ON FIRST-class improved city property. HILL & BLISS, 94 Washington-st.

WANTED—$10,000 OR $15,000 CAPITAL IN A LONG-established manufacturing business; well located; the highest of salaries for business. Address P 68, Peoria, Ill.

WANTED—$1,500, 3 YEARS, 10 PER CENT; SE-curity unquestionable. 144 Indiana-st., south of 22d-st.

$50 TO $5,000 TO LOAN ON REAL ESTATE. Call at Room 11. GEO. M. McKENZIE.

$18,000 TO LOAN ON INSIDE PROPERTY for 3 years, in sums to suit; 10 per cent per annum. Apply to A. H. SPALDING, 94 Washington-st.

$20,000 TO INVEST IN PURCHASE MONEY notes, or account of Eastern parties; MERRILL, LADD, 123 Madison-st.

$25,000 WANTED IN SUMS OF $500 TO $5,000 on real estate security, long and short time. Also, $30,000 on chattel security, in sums of $500 to $2,000. CHARLES H. KERR & CO., 94 Washington-st.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—BY JACOB WEIL & CO., NORTH-west corner Dearborn and Madison-sts.: Its 120, feet on the northeast corner of Calumet-av and Douglas-place, looking down the Grand Boulevard. Price, $15,000, subject to taxes of 1873. Terms easy. THIS PROPERTY will be sold at a bargain. Its 50 feet on Calumet-av, and Douglas-place, 132 feet deep. Its 50 feet on Grand Boulevard, 264 feet south of Thirty-seventh-st., Douglas.

FOR SALE—THE HANDSOME RESIDENCE OF Douglas Tower (the Stanton), with 2 houses, at a bargain.

FOR SALE—50 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 24th-st., 50 feet south of Douglas-place. Price $5,000. Terms easy.

FOR SALE—FIFTY FEET ON THE SOUTH EAST corner of Dearborn and Chestnut. Price $7,000. Terms easy. HUBBARD, Jr., 88 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—LOTS NEAR NORTHWESTERN CAR Shops and Central Park; easy terms. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon's Building, northeast corner of Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—FIFTY FEET ON THE SOUTH EAST corner of Dearborn and Chestnut. Price $7,000. Terms easy. HUBBARD, Jr., 88 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—GOOD 2-STORY COTTAGE-HOUSE, 10 rooms, bath-room, closets, etc., in splendid repair and nicely finished; 68 Butterfield-st., near Thirty-third. Lot 25x125 feet. Price $3,500. Terms easy. EASTON, CHASE & CO., 94 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN—LOTS ON WEST-ern-av., Polk, Taylor, Twelfth-st., and Campbell-av. Also, lots in Douglas Park Addition, and Douglas-place, and in fact in all the favorable parts of the market. Inquire of GEORGE CABWELL, on premises, or at 85 Lasalle-st., Room 2.

FOR SALE—TEN ACRES ON TWELFTH-ST., NEAR city limits; terms easy. Apply to EDWARD U. WALLER, 93 East Washington-st., Room 4, second floor.

FOR SALE—FIFTY FEET OF GROUND ON Polk-st., between Clark and Dearborn. Apply to EDWARD U. WALLER, 93 East Washington-st., Room 4, second floor.

FOR SALE—HAVING TO LEAVE CHICAGO FOR a time, I offer 50 feet corner of West Lake and Vincennes-av., 50 feet on Thirty-fifth and Thirty-seventh-sts., at the low price of $20 a foot, just outside of the limits; also, two lots on Lawndale-av., one block from Lake-st., for $2,000, on easy terms; 10 acres, 1 mile from Lake-st., on Crawford-av., for $1,000

POLITICAL.

Nearly an Even Showing Between Butler and Washburn in Massachusetts.

LaSalle County Farmers Denounce Monopolies and Protective Tariffs.

Farmers' Convention in Tazewell County--Fulton County Call.

Texas Democratic State Convention--The California Election.

The Massachusetts Campaign.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Sept. 4.—One hundred and one towns heard from give Washburn 216; Butler, 205, and 10 doubtful or contested delegates to the Republican State Convention.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Sept. 4.—The Springfield *Republican* has returns from 451 delegates, divided as follows: Washburn, 218; Butler, 221; doubtful and contested, 12.

BOSTON, Sept. 4.—The postscript edition of the *Journal* to-day claims Washburn to be already six ahead of the Butler delegates, as follows: Washburn, 192; Butler, 186; doubtful, 14.

GOV. Washburn has issued a precept ordering an election of member of Congress on the 4th of November next, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Whiting.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BOSTON, Sept 4.—Returns up to this date give Washburn 218, and Butler 214 delegates to the State Convention, and 14 doubtful.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The evening Administration organ here editorially predicts the defeat of Gen. Butler. It says: "Gen. Butler is prosecuting his campaign for Gubernatorial honors with varying fortunes in different parts of the State. He showed himself unexpectedly strong in the large cities, but he is not doing so well in this country. Fall River and Cape Cod towns, Pittsfield and several towns in Bristol and Berkshire have gone against him, and altogether the list stands more unfavorable for him than at his last great contest with Washburn, when the latter beat him some 200 in the State Convention.

LaSalle County Anti-Monopolists' Nominating Convention.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OTTAWA, Ill., Sept. 4.—The Anti-Monopolists' County Convention, which met here to-day, in pursuance of a previous call, was a decided success. It was well attended by gentlemen whose antecedents politically had been strongly Republican. Three of the persons nominated until within a year had been strong Republicans. The ticket is: For Judge, Hon. O. H. Gilman; for County Clerk, H. L. Head; for Treasurer, Samuel W. Raymond; and for Superintendent of Schools, R. Williams. Very tersely worded resolutions denouncing monopolies, protective tariffs, and speculation and fraud by men in high places, were passed. The proceedings were harmonious, and the ticket is a remarkably good one.

Tazewell County Farmers' Convention.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PEKIN, Ill., Sept. 4.—A meeting of farmers and laboring men was well attended this afternoon, and organized with William Monroe as Chairman and William E. McDowell Secretary. At the opening a lively discussion was held upon a resolution looking toward the calling of a nominating convention, and it was voted down. Addresses were made by Mr. George Minier, Mr. James Robinson, the Hon. C. A. Roberts, and others.

Resolutions were adopted that both political parties being the tools of grabbers and monopolists, therefore we, the farmers and other laboring men, declare ourselves entirely separated from both political parties, and that we will stand shoulder to shoulder with all who will aid us in the coming struggle of labor against capital; that the qualifications for office are honesty and capacity; condemning the salary-steal, and inviting the members of the General Assembly to resign.

A resolution condemning a protective, and endorsing a revenue tariff was lost. Finally a resolution was presented to call a nominating convention, to meet at Pekin on the 8th of October, and it was adopted.

Farmers' Convention in Fulton County, Illinois.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fulton County Farmers' Association, it was decided to call a meeting of the several Farmers' Clubs and Granges in the county, at the Town Hall, in Avon, on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 10 o'clock a. m., to continue until all the business is disposed of. The subjects to be presented before the meeting will be: 1. Presentation of Credentials; 2. Appointment of Committees; 3. Reports of Standing Committees; 4. Expressions from Clubs and Granges on nominating county officers for ensuing term; 5. If acceptable, nomination of County Clerk, Treasurer, Judge, and Superintendent. The basis of representation shall be one for each thirty-three members, or fraction thereof, who shall be members of Clubs or Granges and residents of Fulton County; 6. Presenting of Resolutions; 7. Reports from Officers of Associations; 8. Miscellaneous Business.

JOHN PRICKETT, President.
W. T. B. FENNERSY, Secretary.

The California Election.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—It is impossible to obtain returns. In this city the count will not be completed before Friday night or Saturday morning. Enough is known to assure a complete victory for the People's Anti-Railroad-Monopoly ticket for members of the Legislature, and most of their municipal candidates. The contest for Mayor and Chief of Police is very close and doubtful. It is claimed by the Democrats. The total vote in the city is 26,210—much larger than was expected. Yesterday afternoon Carr issued orders to his railroad cohorts to abandon the Republicans and go in a body for the Democrats. They did so, but it was of no avail.

The returns from the interior come in slowly. It is impossible to make correct estimates upon them now.

Sacramento city total vote was 4,000. The Republicans claim a majority over the railroad party of 300 to 400. The Tax-Payers say the county will more than offset the majority in the city, and give them the victory over the railroad company. In most of the towns heard from, the Independent Peoples' and Tax-Payer's ticket is ahead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—Only 5,000 votes had been counted at noon. The Anti-Monopoly ticket was then ahead of both the others.

A dispatch from Gov. Booth, at Sacramento, gives 1,000 majority against the railroad. That city was a stronghold of the company, which has over 1,000 employes there. Alameda has gone anti-Railroad; Stockton gives 500 Independent; Yolo and Benicia go Independent. Indications make certain a grand victory throughout the State over the railroad. Twenty-four counties, thus far, elect anti-railroad men, and four Republicans. Full returns from Marysville City, give a Republican majority of 170 over the independent ticket. The vote of the city is 857. It is impossible to form any estimate of the majority of the Anti-Monopoly ticket. In this city the friends of Chief Crowley believe that he is defeated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—No complete returns from any ward of the city. The people's legislative ticket keeps the lead. Returns from the interior are imperfect and confused, but enough to confirm the belief first entertained of the defeat of the monopoly throughout the State.

The contest for Mayor here is close. McDonald, Democrat, is ahead on the count this evening. Cockrill, Democrat, Chief of Police, is 1,700 ahead. Definite figures will be obtained from the interior to-morrow, showing the majorities.

Texas Democratic State Convention.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 4.—The Texas Democratic State Convention was called to order at 10:30 a. m. The Committee reported Col. R. B. Hubbard, of Tyler, for permanent Chairman. The Colonel made a speech, and thanked the Committee for the honor conferred, and advised unity and harmony. He said the Radical platform consisted only of high-sounding generalities; that they might as well have adopted the moral law, with the Lord's Prayer as a postscript. The real platform was endorsed by their convention, and that the murdered dead of the Groesbeck, Huntsville, and Hinn Flat massacre cried out aloud to heaven, and, like the ghost of the murdered Banquo, would not down. He concluded amid immense applause.

The morning session was consumed in appointing committees and offering and substituting resolutions.

J. Boyd, of Bell County, offered a resolution indorsing the course of Col. McKenzie, riding into Mexico and punishing the Indians and Mexican robbers for depredations on the frontier, which was unanimously adopted.

J. W. Steel, of Gonzales, introduced the following:

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Louisiana, elected by the votes of the people at the last election in said State, has been, by the usurpation of an unjust Federal Judge, sustained by Federal bayonets under the order of the President of the United States, disregarded, and an usurper and pretender placed to rule over the people as Governor of said State; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the overthrow of the Government elected by the people of Louisiana and the setting up of a bayonet government over them is without foundation in law, is a flagrant violation of the rights of the people of said State, and will result in the destruction of the rights of the people of the other States, as it is contrary to the genius of our Government, State and Federal.

The two-thirds rule in the nomination of candidates was adopted by 741 to 114 votes.

The feeling is strong against the back pay steal.

E. G. Bowers, of Dallas, introduced a resolution denouncing the President for aiding and abetting the bill, and calling on the Texas Congressional Delegation to resign in order that their places may be filled by honest men representing the true interests of the Democratic party. Referred, under a rule previously adopted, to the Committee on Platform and Resolutions.

The individual friends of the Congressmen met. They endeavored to moderate the spirit of the resolution, but it will inevitably be adopted.

The Committee on Platform will report to-morrow, and balloting for the candidates will immediately follow. It is impossible to arrive at the relative strength of any of the prominent candidates. The result of last night's caucusing is kept very secret.

Peoria County Republican Nominations.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 4.—The Republican County Convention met here to-day, and nominated the following officers: County Judge, John C. Yates; County Clerk, John D. McClure; County Treasurer, Isaac Taylor. Miss Mary A. Whiteside, formerly of Chicago, was nominated for County Superintendent of Schools.

MADISON.

Closing Exercises of the Grand Lodge I. O. G. T.—Dancing Prohibited in Lodge-Rooms—State University.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 4.—The Wisconsin Grand Lodge of Good Templars finished its work and adjourned this noon, after what the members regarded a pleasant and profitable session. Last evening little was done except the installation of the new officers, the Lodge adjourning to attend a sociable of Trumbull Lodge, composed of colored brethren. This morning numerous reports were made and acted on. The Order was reported in a healthy condition, and public sentiment on the liquor-traffic advancing. A report was made and adopted against resting with a strict enforcement of the license law.

A Lodge having been accused of becoming a dancing institution, and deserving a withdrawal of its charter, there was a lively discussion of the subject of dancing, and the following very sweeping resolution adopted:

Resolved, That while we find the evidence insufficient to prove the charge against Pentaculas Lodge, yet we take a firm stand that no Lodge under our Grand Lodge jurisdiction shall in any way engage in or countenance dancing in the lodge-room, or other places.

The State was mapped out into eighteen districts for conventions and effective work by deputies. A variety of action was taken of interest only to members of the Order.

The State University has opened for the fall term fuller than ever, with accessions to all the classes and over 100 in the freshmen class.

PHILADELPHIA.

Aldermanic Rascality—The Centennial Exposition.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 4.—Deputy Coroner Lees has been discharged, on the ground that the charges against him were not sustained. Ald. Crawford, of the Nineteenth Ward, appeared before Judge Pierce to-day on a charge of extorting illegal fees. After much argument the case was taken under advisement. Aldermen here are gaining notoriety for open robbery of parties brought before them. Ald. Nichols has not been convicted more than one week, yet his friends are already soliciting a pardon. Mayor Stokely has to-day placed a curious matter in the detectives' hands for investigation.

Francisco Delberal D. Carrisco called on the Spanish Consul here yesterday and requested his indorsement, according to Spanish law, of a medical diploma, purporting to emanate from the University of Philadelphia, and stated his intention of practicing in Cuba. As he arrived here last June his unprecedentedly rapid progress in medical science aroused the Consul's suspicions, and he visited the Mayor to see if such University existed.

Dr. Hodge, of the University of Philadelphia, informed the Mayor that no such university existed having powers to issue diplomas.

A letter received at the Bureau to-day, from Pittsburgh, states that an enthusiastic Centennial meeting was held there yesterday. The Board of Finance cheerfully accepted the large subscriptions made. Col. Phillips, of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, was appointed President, and to receive subscriptions.

Railroad Accidents.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CRESTLINE, O., Sept. 4.—As the State Fair excursion train was leaving here, this morning, about 9 o'clock, for Mansfield, a young man standing on the depot-platform threw himself under the moving train, a pair of wheels passing over him, killing him almost instantly. He was about 19 years of age, and had been around town for several days in a deranged state of mind. He had given his name as Alexander Curtis, from Minneapolis, Minn. The verdict of the Coroner's inquest was death by suicide.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 4.—Another smash-up occurred on the Toledo, Wabash & Western Railroad, near Prairie Switch, Ind., yesterday, by which twelve cars were ditched. No one hurt. Cause of accident attributed to section hands, who forgot to properly secure the rail they had taken out of the track a short time previously. The road was blocked three or four hours.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 4.—Quite a smash-up occurred last night at the avenue crossing of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad. A heavy freight train, propelled with considerable power around the curve between Liberty street and the avenue, went off the track and dashed into the new brick building lately erected there. The walls were broken through, the breach being sufficiently large to admit two cars. A number of the cars were wrecked, and the track was covered with the debris. Men were at once placed at work, and, after a few hours' labor, the track was made clear.

The Late Storm at the East.

HALIFAX, Sept. 4.—It is supposed that the steamer Angelo Friend was lost in the late gale with all on board—some eighteen or twenty.

Schooner Good Intent was towed into Port Hood and, when she was righted, her crew of five men and two boys were found drowned in the cabin. It would appear that the crew, when they had given up all hope of saving themselves, repaired to the cabin to engage in devotional exercises, and there met their sad end. They were Frenchmen.

The new bark Commissioner is believed to have been lost with ten men.

The Temperance Law in Wisconsin.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 4.—To-morrow Mayor Ludington will issue a proclamation ordering conformation to the provisions of the Temperance laws. All saloon-keepers who fail to file bonds before the 10th will be prosecuted according to law.

Another Kerosene Fatality.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Sept. 4.—At Pleasanton, Linn County, yesterday, while Miss Willes was ironing, she either poured kerosene on the fire or upset the lamp. Her clothing caught fire, and she was burned to a crisp and died this morning. Her mother was also badly burned in trying to rescue her daughter. The house was burned to the ground.

Destructive Storm.

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SOUTH HAVEN PEACH FESTIVAL.

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich., Sept. 4.—The Peach Festival is largely attended to-day. Fruit is brought in great profusion. The floral display is an attractive feature. This afternoon the people are making excursions through the orchards, which are laden with fruits of all kinds. The early Crawford peach is now just ripening. The largest display of flowers is made by Husted, of Lowell. The first premium for Hale's early peach was awarded to Judge Ravisdell, of Grand Traverse. Mr. Davis, of Kalamazoo, was ahead on grapes. Mr. Bailey, of South Haven, has the largest collection of apples.

The fair will continue through Friday.

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CINCINNATI, Sept. 4.—The attendance at the Exposition to-day and evening was good. Art Hall is entirely complete to-morrow, or at least Saturday morning. A very full art catalogue will be out. The agricultural department looked full last night, but articles have been coming in rapidly all day and closely filling up the space. Everywhere except in Art and Floral Hall the work of preparation and addition of new articles mingles with the display of those already in position. By Saturday everything that is coming will be in.

Messrs. John B. Drake, J. Irving Pearce, and George H. Ladin, of the Chicago Exposition Committee, arrived this morning, visited the Exposition, and examined the books of the Commission. They will return to-morrow night.

INDIANAPOLIS EXPOSITION.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept 4.—The grand opening of the Indianapolis Exposition will take place Wednesday, Sept. 14, commencing at 2 p. m. Speeches will be made by the Mayor of Indianapolis, Senator Morton, and Gov. Hendricks. In the evening a grand musical entertainment will be given by an aggregation of all the musical organizations in the city, numbering about 600 persons. The work of preparation is nearly completed. Half-fare arrangements have been made with all the leading railroads, and large crowds are anticipated.

ELGIN, ILL., FAIR.

ELGIN, Ill., Sept. 4.—The Elgin Fair opens magnificently. The exhibition is larger than ever before. Over fifty Norman horses are here, including Dunham's. Simpson is here with David A. Gage's horses. A dozen other fast horses are on the ground. John Stewart, Belden, Adams, Webster, Douglass, and several breeders of fine cattle, make the best display ever had in Northern Illinois. A number of excellent races will take place on Friday and Saturday.

War Department Weather Prognostications.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—In New England cloudy weather and rain are probable, the winds veering to the southwest and west on Friday, with clear and clearing weather. For the Middle States and Lake region, westerly and northwesterly winds, and generally clear weather during Friday. For the Northwest generally clear weather. For the Southern States, east of the Mississippi, gentle and fresh winds, mostly from the southwest and west, and partly cloudy weather, with occasional coast rains. The low barometer north of Lake Huron will probably move eastwardly to the St. Lawrence Valley.

Anti-Polygamy Mormons in Council.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Sept. 3.—The regular semi-annual Conference of "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints"—anti-polygamy Mormons—convened here to-day. Several thousand Saints from all parts of the world are in attendance, and it is expected that the meeting will be an unusually interesting one. Joseph Smith, son of the founder of Mormonism, is President, and is leading the meetings.

No Indictment Found.

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FORT WAYNE, Sept. 4.—Maggie Wolf, charged with infanticide, was before the Grand Jury to-day, but no indictment was found. Two prominent physicians testified that the girl had never been a mother, and therefore could not be the person who gave birth to the child and afterwards drowned it in the canal. The police are now searching for the guilty party.

Injury to the Grape Vine.

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ROCKFORD, Ill., Sept. 4.—The grape vines in this part of the country are being destroyed by a small insect, which has lately made its appearance. Mr. Jeffries' vineyard is already ruined. There is but slight prospect of any grape crop in consequence.

Arrest for Forging.

DAYTON, Ohio, Sept. 4.—A man giving the name of George Astley, of Newark, N. J., was arrested here this morning for forging the signature to a check for $2,500. Astley is a man of fine appearance, and said to be respectably connected.

Aurora Board of Trade.

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AURORA, Ill., Sept. 4.—The sales of the Aurora Board of Trade to-day consisted of 50,000 lbs cheese at 10¼@10¾c. Bought by Richards, Gooch & Co., of Chicago.

Fatally Stabbed at a Ball.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 4.—The *Gazette* special from Madison, Indiana, states that at a ball four miles from that place this evening William Berch fatally stabbed Joseph Bingwolt.

Kansas City Live-Stock Market.

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KANSAS CITY, Sept. 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 768; shipments, 823. Transactions mostly at former prices, and offerings mostly sold and shipped. Wintered Texas cows at $2.15@2.20; through Texas cows, $1.12½@1.17½; good native and Texan cows, $2.75.

Hogs—Inquiry brisk from city dealers. Closed firm at $3.75@3.80; choice, $3.85.

Talking Without a Tongue.

A remarkable example of the retention of the powers of utterance, after loss of the tongue, is that of Margaret Cutting, whose case was brought before the Royal Society of England in 1742, and again in 1747. This girl lost her tongue by what was supposed to be a cancer when 4 years old. The disease first appeared in the shape of a small black speck on the upper surface of the tongue, and rapidly eat its way quite back to the root. One day, while the surgeon who had the case in charge was syringing the parts, the tongue dropped out, the girl immediately thereafter, to the great astonishment of those present, saying to her mother: "Don't be frightened, mamma; it will grow again." Three months afterward it was completely healed, with not a vestige of the tongue remaining. At the age of 20 this girl was carefully examined by several competent gentlemen, who report in the 44th volume of the "Philosophical Transactions" as follows, regarding her condition: "We proceeded to examine her mouth with the greatest exactness we could, but found not the least appearance of any remaining part of the tongue, nor was there any uvula. . . . Notwithstanding the want of so necessary an organ as the tongue was generally supposed to be, to form a great part of our speech, and likewise to be assisting in deglutition, to our great admiration she performed the office of deglutition, both in swallowing solids and fluids, as well as we could, and in the same manner. And as to speech, she discoursed as fluently and as well as others do. . . . She read to us in a book very distinctly and plain, only we observed that sometimes she pronounced words ending in ath as et, and as emb, ad as elb; but it required a nice and strict attention to observe even this difference of sound. She sings very prettily, and pronounces her words in singing as is common."—*Dr. W. J Youmans, in Popular Science Monthly for September.*

AMUSEMENTS.

HOOLEY'S THEATRE.

It is not long ago that, through a five-act farcical piece, thousands of persons were made familiar with the name of Bronson Howard as the author of "Saratoga." This brilliant but shallow production has been laughed over in Chicago, and the second piece by the same author—"Diamonds"—was eagerly looked for. It was a failure. Last evening, a third drama, written expressly for Hooley's Theatre, entitled "Lillian's Last Love," by the same author, was produced for the first time, and is admitted to be as superior to "Saratoga" as Saratoga to "Diamonds." It was welcomed by a very fair audience, whose appreciation was warmly expressed. The plot, so far as the mere outline of the story is concerned, is very simple, and may be given in a few words. It is so simple, in fact, that the author has depended but slightly upon his plot to hold the interest of the audience. *Lilian Westbrook*, the daughter of a millionaire, loves and is loved by *Owen Routledge*, a successful young artist. They have a very serious "lovers' quarrel" in the first act. This quarrel occurs as a peculiarly critical moment. *Lilian*, prompted by her impulses, but with the thoughtlessness of a spirited young girl, does a very unwise thing. She accepts the hand of, and subsequently marries, *Mr. Archibald Strebelon*, a man who is much her senior in years, but whom she respects for the many noble qualities of an honorable gentleman which he really possesses. Several years of Lilian's married life is spent in Paris. She has one little girl on whom all the affection of an ardent nature becomes centered. There is a meeting with the old lover, a short temptation scene, and a successful resistance; her purity is, in fact, preserved throughout the play. Then comes a duel with small-swords, in which *Routledge* defends her honor against a French nobleman; she hastens to prevent the meeting; her former lover is wounded; she bends over his prostrate body and her old passion asserts itself for a single moment. On that moment hangs her fate. *Archibald Strebelon* listens to the passionate words of his wife. Leaving her forever, he carries with him her child, thus crushing the sweetest and strongest affection of her life. Her mind and body sink beneath the sudden agony and the long suspense which follows; the final restoration of her little one comes too late. The child is "Lilian's Last Love,"—she dies reaching out pitifully to embrace it. In this rapid sketch of the story we give little or no idea of what the author means by the play, or what he has depended on to fix the auditor's interest. He has chosen a mother's love as the pivotal passion of the drama, and he has used the ordinary affection of the sexes merely as a secondary means of developing his incidents. In this latter part of the play everything is made subordinate to this maternal love; it is treated as a vital, active passion of a woman's nature, as truly a passion, as truly a force capable of destroying mind and body, when aroused, as any possible animal belonging to Mr. Butterworth, of Philadelphia. Henry B. Gray, a horse belonging to Budd Doble, valued at $4,000, and five other horses, not rated. Goldsmith Maid, Lucy, Rosalyn, Hotspur, and California Mare are saved. Doble lost 10 sulkies, 3 fall-top buggies, 80 sets of harness, and some traps worth $1,000. Charles Cochrane, an old man, loses a trunk containing $300 in gold and notes. Thomas Wood lost all of the horses are lost, together with the clothing of all the boys, about 100 halters, and a large number of saddles and bridles.

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